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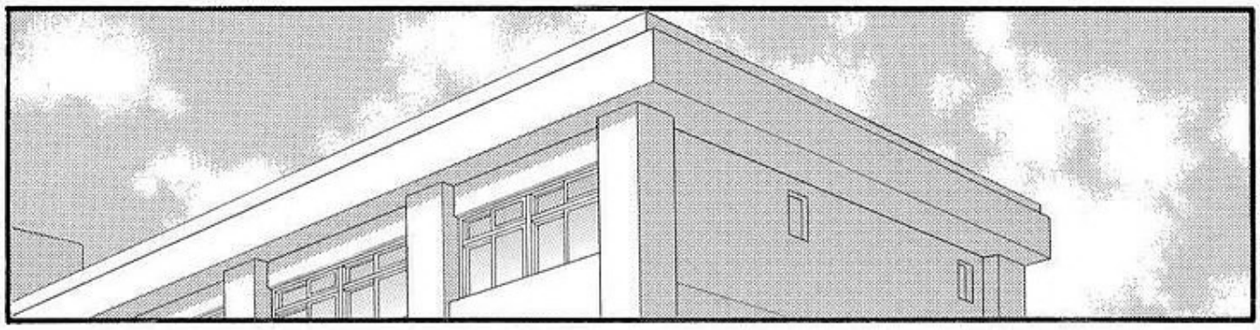
恋愛モラトリアム

BADA-F

A mysterious voice that cries, "Princess..."
Who could the mysterious figure watching Shinomiya be?!!
Kiss Him, not Me
#33 PRINCESS USAMIMI IS IN DANGER
BY JUNKO



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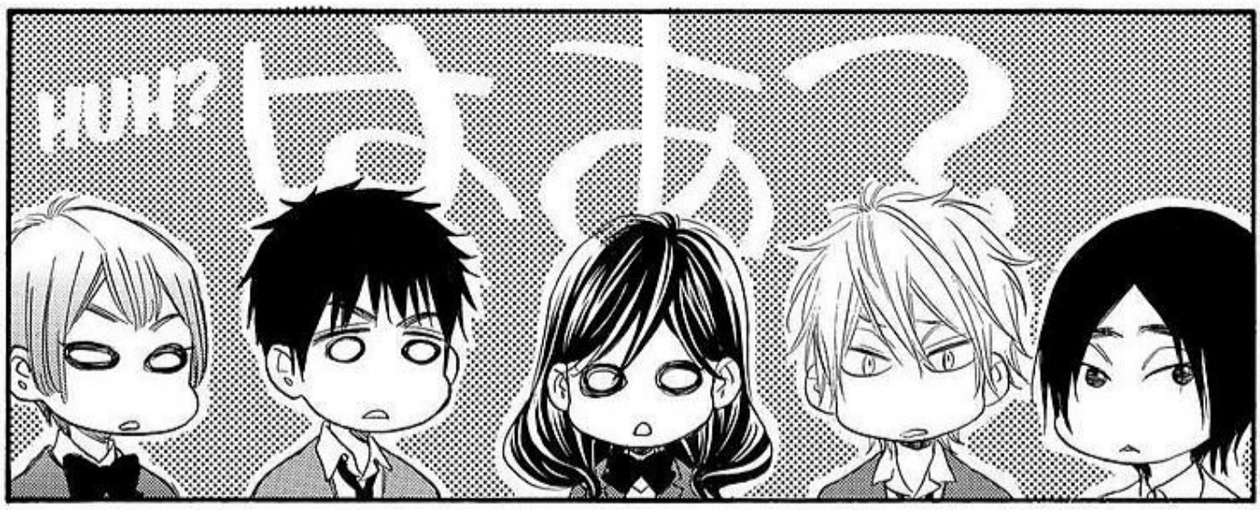
HUH?
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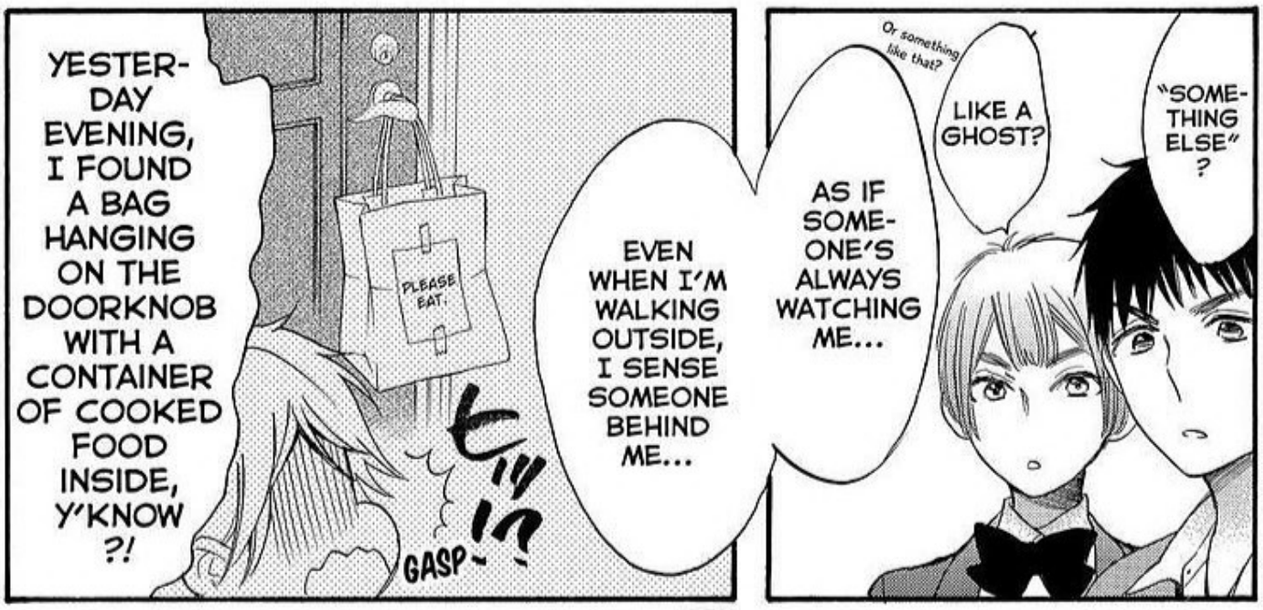
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU HAVEN'T EATEN A PROPER MEAL SINCE YOUR PARENTS WENT OVERSEAS?
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO CLEAN, SO YOUR ROOM'S A MESS?
YOU HAVE PILES OF LAUNDRY?
I CAN DEAL WITH ALL OF THAT!!

I MEAN, I'M TAKING CAFETERIA FOOD HOME!!
ARE YOU SOME OLD LADY?!
SHWIP
SHWIP
PACK
PACK
AND IT'S FINE AS LONG AS I DON'T CARE ABOUT HOW DIRTY MY ROOM IS!!
AND IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME THAT I'VE WORN THIS SHIRT FOR FIVE DAYS!!
THAT'S NOT FINE, Y'KNOW ?!
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE SUCH A SLOB!
IT BOTHERS US!!

WHAT I MEAN IS...
I GET THE FEELING THAT THERE'S SOME-THING ELSE AROUND ...


"SOME-THING ELSE"?
LIKE A GHOST?
Or something like that?
AS IF SOME-ONE'S ALWAYS WATCHING ME...
EVEN WHEN I'M WALKING OUTSIDE, I SENSE SOMEONE BEHIND ME...
YESTER-DAY EVENING, I FOUND A BAG HANGING ON THE DOORKNOB WITH A CONTAINER OF COOKED FOOD INSIDE, Y'KNOW ?!
PLEASE EAT.
GASP-!?

COOKED FOOD?
MAYBE IT WAS SOMEONE IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD?
We get a lot of stuff from neighbors...
THEN THEY WOULD'VE JUST HANDED IT TO ME IN PERSON!!
And I don't think anyone in my neighborhood would do that...
ANY-WAY...
I'VE BEEN SO SCARED THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET MUCH SLEEP ...
CLENCH...

SHEN-PAI...!!
フッ HMPH!
Oh my, oh my, oh my, oh my!
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!
I'LL COME OVER AND TEACH YOU HOW TO DO CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE!!
ISH NOT THAT!!
OH, PLEASE!
YOU'RE JUST SCARED TO BE ALONE, AREN'T YOU, YOU WITTLE BABY?!
OH BOY.
Ha! Ha!
ごちゃあ…
MESSY
Shino-miya's house
WHOA! WHAT A MESS!!
LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT!!
OKAY!
SIZZLE
Oooh!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
WHIRR
WHIRR

SPARKLE
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
WIPE
WIPE
So...
So good...!!
SMUG
No way!!
Will you marry me?
SHENPAI, YOU'RE AMAZING!!
WELL, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL IT TAKES!!
IT ONLY RANG ONCE.
HM? A PHONE CALL?
23:56
At this hour...?
Private Number
Missed Call
Slide to view
IT'S A PRIVATE NUMBER... COULD SOMEONE HAVE DIALED ME BY MISTAKE ?
Slide to Unlock
OKAY!
I get the bed!!
BRRRING
IT SEEMS THERE WAS NOTHING LURKING AFTER ALL!
OKAY, LET'S GO TO SLEEP !!
KAERU

BEEP!
BRRRRING
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS ...?!
BRRRRING
BEEP!
H... HEY...
BRRRRING
JOLT
AGAIN ?!
BEEP!
DING
1
NOW AN E-MAIL ?!
OMINOUS
Inbox
Sender: 774knight.suteadd.jp
Hide
Recipient: Hayato Shinomiya
Who's that guy?

AAAAAAHHHH!!!

Donny's

IT'S A STALK-ER!!!
I SWEAR ...

Exclamation: I'm scared of monsters!! Eeek!!

SFX: Aaahhh!! Waaahhh!!

SFX: Grauf! Grauf! Grauf!

At Igarashi's house

SORRY... THE NEIGHBORS ARE GONNA COMPLAIN...

COULD YOU MAYBE GO TO MUTSUMI-SAN'S PLACE?

O... OKAY.

Sorry...

At Mutsumi's house

SLEEP WITH ME IN MY ROOM! IT'LL BE NICE AND COZY!

FLIRTY

OH?! NINOMIYA-KUN, WAS IT?!

IT'S SHINO-MIYA...

YOU'RE STAYING OVER TOO?! SERI-OUSLY?! NIIICE!!

Huhhh? What is it? I won't do anything! I promiiise!

O... OKAY!!

SHINO-MIYA-KUN...I'M TELLING YOU THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD STAY OVER...

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY!!

I'm really sorry for having family like this...!!

WHOOOSH

NISHINA-SAN'S PLACE SHOULD HAVE GOOD SECURITY, AND HER PLACE IS BIG, SO THERE'S A CHANCE SHE'LL HAVE ROOM FOR YOU.

LEMME ASK HER.

RUSTLE...

RUSTLE...

OKAY...

Thank you...

BEING AN ONLY DAUGHTER, MY FATHER'S NOT GONNA ALLOW IT, AND I CAN'T GUARANTEE SHINOMIYA'S SAFETY...
WHILE I'D BE HAPPY TO SAY YES...

ALL OUT OF OPTIONS...
T... TRUE...

SIGH... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M SURE I WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY AT SERINUMA-SENPAI'S PLACE EITHER...
RUSTLE...

Sweets
WHIRR

FOR NOW, I'LL BUY US SOMETHING WARM.
DISAPPOINTED
Let's think about what to do while having a drink.

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
GRAB
HOW MANY GUYS' HOUSES ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING TO?
WHEEZE
CLENCH
...?!
SHUDDER

RUSTLE
HEY!!
WAIT!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
RUSTLE
ARE YOU OKAY?!
DAMN...
He ran off...
WHO WAS THAT ...?!
GRAB
...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

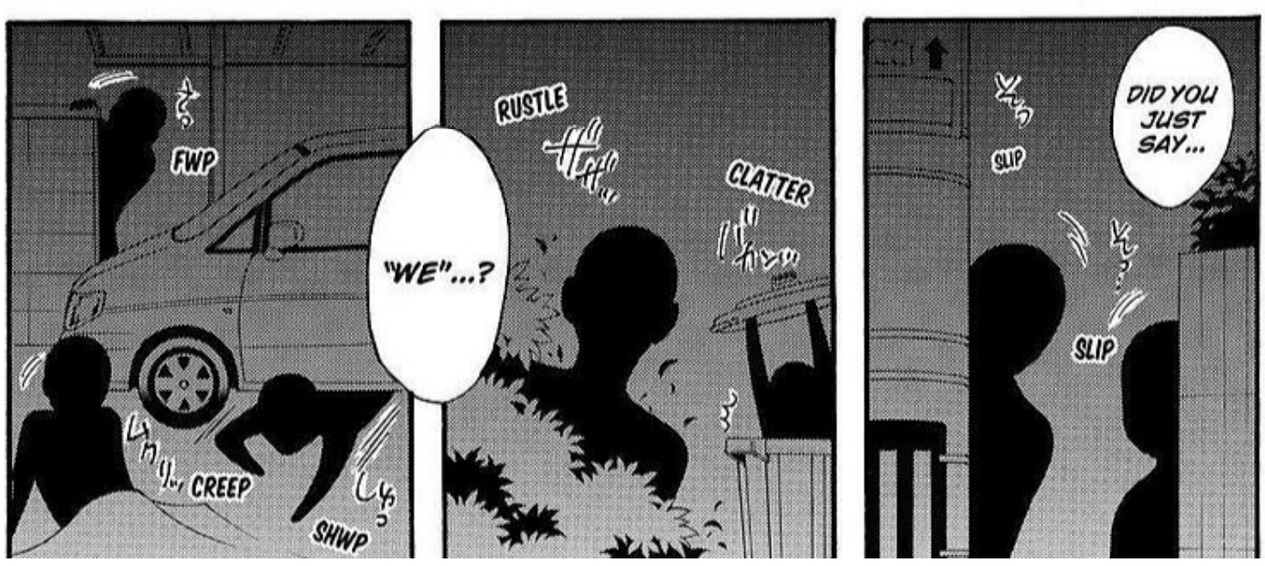
SO...
WE CAN'T TAKE THIS LIGHTLY...
NOD
LET'S CATCH THE STALKER!!
RUSTLE...
AND GET THE CULPRIT TO THINK NANASHIMA-KUN IS SHINOMIYA-KUN.
FIRST, WE HAVE NANA-SHIMA-KUN WEAR SHINO-MIYA-KUN'S COAT...
FWIP

THERE, WE WAIT FOR THE CULPRIT.
IGARASHI-KUN AND I WILL TAKE "SHINOMIYA-KUN", A.K.A. NANASHIMA-KUN HOME, PRETENDING TO WATCH OVER HIM...
TICK
TICK
TICK
SHINOMIYA-KUN AND NISHINA-SAN WILL BE ON STANDBY AT SERINUMA-SAN'S HOUSE.
IF ANY-THING HAPPENS, WE LET EACH OTHER KNOW RIGHT AWAY.

I HOPE EVERYONE IS OKAY.
TWINGE
TWINGE
I'M ...
AL-WAYS THE ONE WHO NEEDS HELP ...
AND I'M AL-WAYS LEARN-ING FROM YOU GUYS ...
I'M SORRY ...
AL-THOUGH ...
I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE ALL HERE FOR ME...
THAT'S RIGHT, SHINOMIYA-KUN!! BEFORE, YOU WERE JUST A LONER WHO WAS HOT AND COLD!!
Huh?!
HUH?!
SNORE SNORE
SHIMA-CHAN!!
Mom at that time

SNEAK
HEH, HEH, HEH...
FWIP
PLEASE EAT
BOOM
GOT-CHA NOW !!
AUGH!

TAKE THAT!
?!
YOU'RE...
THE MANAGER FROM USAMI LAND?!
You are, aren't you?!
WHUMP!!
GACK!
The Interviewer
IT WAS YOU ?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, STALKER ?!
Y-YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!!
WE AREN'T STALKERS!! WE'RE...
GYAH!
HUH ?!
GYAH!


FWP
CREEP
SHWP
"WE"...?
RUSTLE
CLATTER
SLIP
SLIP
DID YOU JUST SAY...

THE KNIGHTS OF PRINCESS USAMI!!!

WE ARE PRINCESS USAMIMI'S FAN CLUB...

AND WE JUST SENT THINGS LIKE HOMEMADE SIDE DISHES AND FRESH FRUITS FOR THE PRINCESS'S HEALTH!!

WE'VE BEEN PATROLLING THE AREA SO A ROBBER CAN'T ENTER THE PRINCESS'S HOUSE!

RECENTLY, WE HEARD THE PRINCESS WAS LIVING ALONE, SO WE COULDN'T JUST SIT BY AND DO NOTHING...

S-SORRY! WE WERE JUST THINKING OF THE PRINCESS!!

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! ⑥

SCREECH

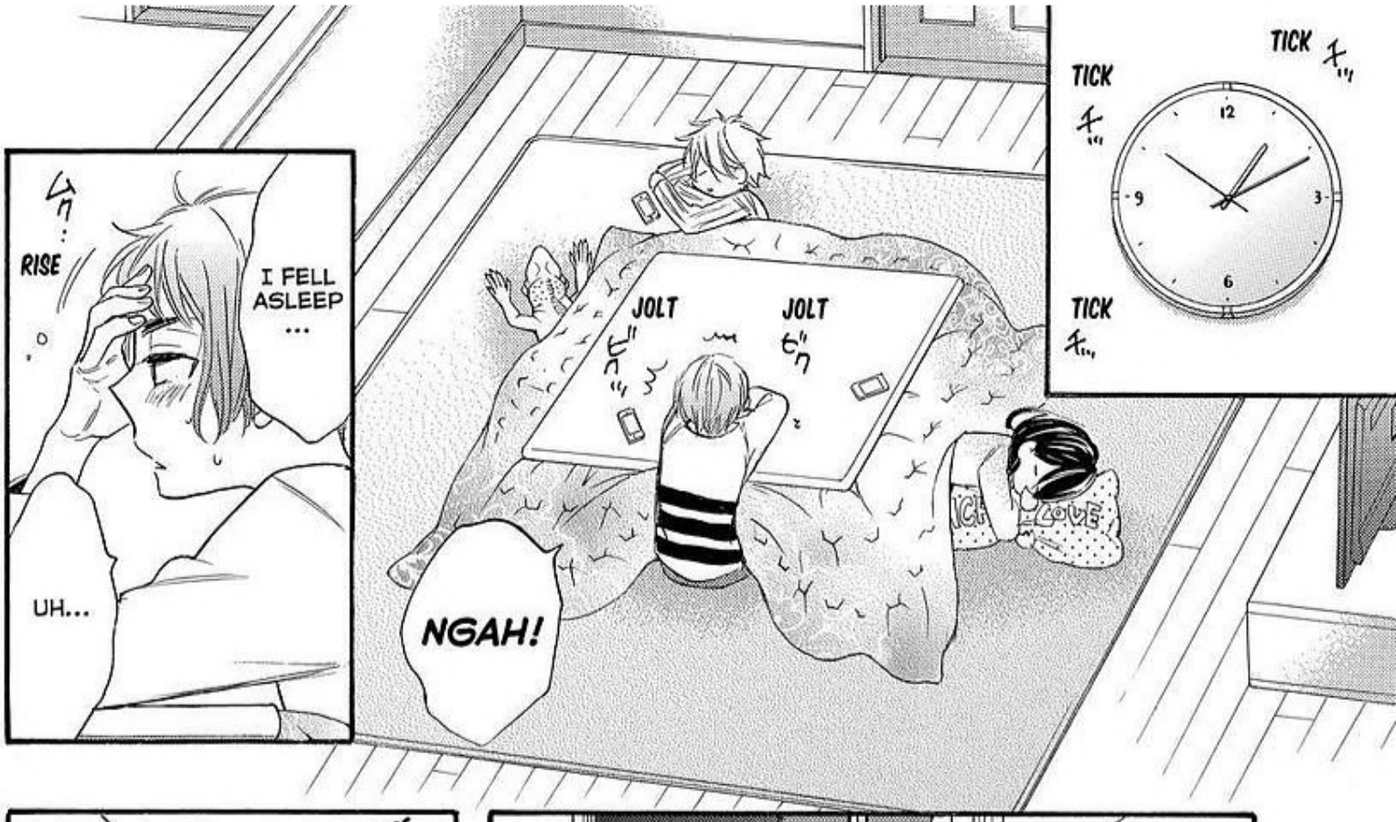
THIS IS ABUSE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, Y'KNOW?! ⑤

WE'LL WIN IF WE TAKE YOU TO COURT!!

SCREECH

THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL A STALKER!! ⑦

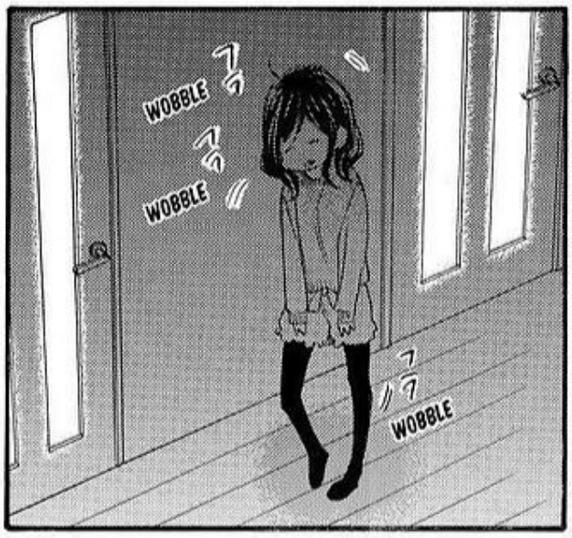
COULD IT BE...
THERE'S ANOTHER STALKER ...?!
TOTALLY NOT COOL, Y'KNOW?!
SENDING MESSAGES, CRANK CALLING, SUDDENLY GRABBING SHOULDERS FROM BEHIND...
HUH?
HUHHH?!
YOU'RE STILL GONNA PLAY DUMB?!
I'M SERI-OUS!!
HUH?! WE DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT!!
WE WOULD NEVER!!
NO TOUCH-ING! ONLY LOOK-ING!!
BOOM
WHAT IS OUR MOTTO, KNIGHTS ?!
SO THEN, WAS THAT ...?!
HUH ...?
What the heck are y'all boasting for, ya bunch of stalkers!!
EEK!
EEK!

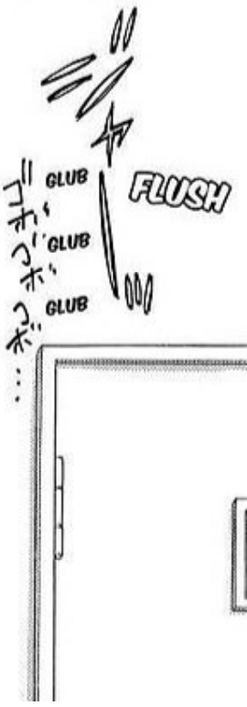

RISE
I FELL ASLEEP ...
UH...
JOLT
JOLT
NGAH!
TICK
TICK
TICK

RISE
BATH-ROOM ...

KER-CHAK
MMM...
SENPAI, I'M GONNA USE YOUR SHOWER.

KER-CHAK


WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE


FLUSH
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB

RUSTLE
ブン!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
ブン
ブン
?!

ドキン
BADUMP
I...IS SENPAI HALF ASLEEP ?!
HUHHH?
ぎゅむっ
NUDGE
ドキン
BADUMP
HUH?
ドキン
BADUMP
WHAT? WHAT THE HECK ?!
ドキン
BADUMP
UH...!
ぶるっ
JOLT
AAAAHH!!

CRRRASH
GASP
...RING
カラカラ!
RATTLE RATTLE...
BRRRRING
SNAP
パキン
BRRRRRING
CREEP
SHATTER
SHATTER
SHATTER

LOOM
WHEEZE
PRIN-CESS...
WHEEZE
BRRRRRIIING
BRRING
EEK...
suke Igarashi
Mobile

キャアアアアEEEEEK!
SEN-PAI?!
THMP
THMP
THMP
A''
A''
A''
SENPAIII?!
A''
A''
THMP
THMP
!!
FWIP
HEY!!
SHIMA-CHAN!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

BONK
SLIP
YOU'RE GOING DOWN!
HIYAHHH!!
SLUMP
SH... SHIMA-CHAAAN !!!
Eeek!
YOU ROTTEN WOMAN ...!!
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
STAY AWAY FROM THE PRIN-CESS ...

PRIN-CESS ...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
IT'S ME YOU'RE AFTER, RIGHT ...?!
DON'T YOU DARE COME ANY CLOSER !!
RISE
STOP!!
JOLT
CRACK
OKAY ...
CLENCH
NO, SHI-NO-MIYA-KUN !!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I WON'T LET HIM HARM YOU, SENPAI!!

DO AS YOU WISH !!
RRRRIP
GLINT
SHI-NO-MIYA-KUN !!
SHRIEEEK!
NOOOO!!

AHHHH!!
?!
CHOMP
SWAT
SWAT
L-LET GO!!
DASH
NOW!
THOR ?!

BAM
THUD
SHINO!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
YOU GUYS ...!!
TMP
TMP
TMP

はっ
GASP
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!

WHOA! DID YOU KNOCK HIM OUT?!
SO THIS IS THE DANGER-OUS STALKER, HUH?!
UH... WELL...

HUH?
N...
NOT AT ALL!!

THANK YOU FOR PROTECT-ING ME...!
Here, have a blanket...

HEY!
He was here too.
HUH ...?!
SCREECH
SCREECH
THIS GUY!!
WHAT'S THE VIBE GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO?! WHAT HAPPENED ?!
YOU PROTECTED HER?! IT WAS YOUR STALKER IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
EEEK!
DON'T MAKE EYES AT MY HAYATO, YOU LITTLE SLUT!!
EEK! I'M SORRY!
HUHHH?!
CHOMP

AFTERWARDS, PER THE REQUEST OF THE "PRINCESS", THE KNIGHTS DISBANDED.
THAT GIRL IS WITH THE PRINCESS!!
Yeah, yeah! Save it for when we get to the station!
警視
WHIMPER
THE GUY WHO LEFT THE KNIGHTS OF PRINCESS USAMIMI!!
THEN ...
AH!!
OH MAN!
I'M HEADING THAT WAY...
SO I'LL HAND IT IN.
YANK
?!
WHAT DO I DO?
I FORGOT TO SUBMIT THE HANDOUT AGAIN...

I MEAN...
YEAH, I KNOW!
HEY, SHINOMIYA-KUN'S BECOME MORE APPROACH-ABLE THESE DAYS, HASN'T HE?
THANKS.
H... HUH?
キャ SQUEAL
キャ SQUEAL
IT'S KINDA NICE!
Hey!
ぱちんっ
SLAP
UH-HUH!
Mornin'!
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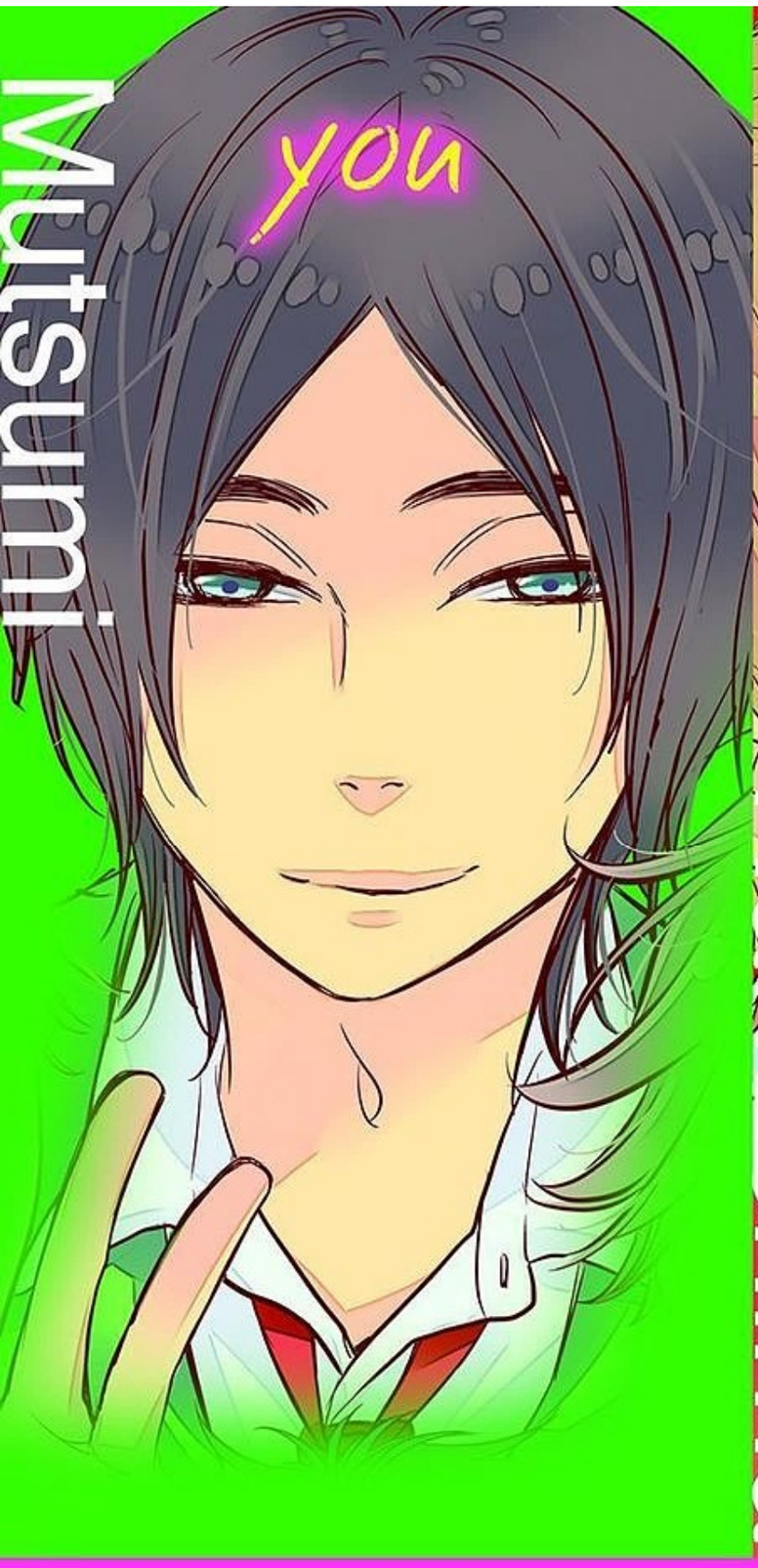

Kiss Him, not Me

#34 MARCH 3RD

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*THIS GROUP IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, "GROUPS" OR EVENTS.

IT'S OKAY!!
THAT'S WHERE THIS PEN COMES IN!!
FIDGET
FIDGET
BUT I'D BE EMBARRASSED IF SOMEONE WERE TO SEE IT...
DO YOU WANNA GIVE IT A TRY?!
HUH ?!
THE WRITING GOES TO THE HEAVENS AND THE WISHES COME TRUE! RIGHT NOW, I'LL OFFER THEM AS A SET!!
SOUNDS GREAT!
WOW!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
VRRR
FLAP FLAP
STRANGE!
IF YOU HEAT THIS PAPER ...
LOOK! THE WRITING DISAPPEARS!
HERE YOU GO! ♥
LET ME DO IT! I WANNA DO IT!!
AMAZING!!
TA-DAH
WOWWW!
USER'S VOICE
*Individual voices
I made a wonderful boyfriend! LOVE!! - Lucky Girl, Saitama
I got the diamond ring that I've always wanted!! Thank you! - Wonderful Mi-san, Fukuyama
I got 1,000,000 yen!! Awesome!! Rich Man-san, Hokkaido
AND IT'S BEEN GETTING RAVE REVIEWS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!!

VRRR
IT'S GETTING SENT! RIGHT NOW, YOUR WISH IS GETTING SENT!
WHOA!! IT'S DISAPPEARED!!
I'm embarrassed!!
D... DON'T LOOK!!
OF COURSE! ♥
THUMP
THERE!
THUMP
HEH! HEH!
I HOPE IT COMES TRUE!
HA-HA-HA!
HEH-HEH-HEH!
TOTALLY!

After school
FWUUSH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE...

SO...
X-DAY
3月3日!!
March 3rd
TO GET READY FOR X-DAY, WHICH IS NEXT MONTH ON MARCH 3RD.
WE WILL START THE SECOND MEETING ...
FLASH
FOR SERINUMA-SAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEB-RATION.

NISHINA ...
DID THE RESEARCH IDEA WE TALKED ABOUT LAST TIME GO WELL?
THE ONE ABOUT CASUALLY ASKING HER IN ADVANCE WHAT SHE WANTS SO THAT WE DON'T GET HER THE SAME PRESENT.
HMPH... JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
WE'RE ALL SET!!
I MADE UP A RANDOM STORY ABOUT A MAGIC WISH LIST AND HAD SENPAI WRITE THE STUFF SHE WANTS!!
VRRR
DISAPPEAR
COOL
THIS PEN'S INK DIS-APPEARS WHEN HEATED, BUT IT ACTUALLY REAPPEARS WHEN COOLED.
WHOA!!
Shima
REAPPEAR
AND AFTER COOLING IT, THE LIST WITH THE REAPPEARED WRITING...
IS RIGHT HERE!!
BOOM

BOOM

①かちゅらぶDVDリリース記念イベント
当選シリアルナンバー ←ぜったいいきたい♡

②かちゅらぶガチャ
極レア メタルちびドール
(出現率0.5%) ←殿朱で揃えたい!!

③かちゅらぶご当地パン全種せいは!
←シークレットも♡

④殿×朱 全サークルによる
豪華ラブラブアンソロジー ←表紙はもちろん最大手のモギリーナ北斗さん♡

⑤朱ちゃんが身につけてる
殿よりたまわった秘宝
ヒヒイロカネの首飾り ←ムリかな?

KAE

1. The Winning Serial Number for the Anniversary Event of the Katchu Love DVD Release ← Wanna go so bad!
2. Katchu Love capsule toy, ultra-rare metal chibi doll (0.5% chance of appearing) ← Master and Akane are sooo cute!!
3. Every kind of Katchu Love Local Bread ← even the secret ones
4. Master x Akane Deluxe Love Anthology from all groups ← the best cover Hokuto Moglyna-san, of course.
5. The Hihiirokane necklace worn by Akane-chan that was given to him by Master ← Impossible, maybe?

MAYBE... WAY TOO DIFFICULT?
ざわ...
MURMUR
TH... THIS IS...
ざわ..
MURMUR
BOOM
I JUST TOLD HER TO MAKE HER WISHES TO GOD!!
YOU IDIOT !!
NGH!
NOTHING UNUSUAL!
WHAT THE HECK DID YOU TELL HER?!
TOUCH
BESIDES ...
SHE HAS A POINT.
THEN SHE WOULD KNOW IT WAS FOR HER BIRTHDAY !!
SHRIEK
YOU SHOULD'VE HAD HER LIMIT HER WISHES TO STUFF WE CAN GET!!
SHRIEK

W...
!!
NNNGH!
SO SHOULD I JUST GO AND GET ALL OF THEM FOR HER?
HMPH!
WELL, I'M CONFIDENT THAT I CAN GET ALL THE STUFF ON THIS LIST...
WE CAN GET THAT STUFF!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
FWUUSH
YEAH... WE CAN!
NO... WE WILL!!
ALL RIGHT !!
ROCK! PAPER! SCIS-SORS!!
BOOM!!
THEN LET'S DECIDE THIS FAIRLY!

0.5%...?
HUH?
0.5...?
Huh? What's that?
The Katchu Love ***ultra-rare Master and Akane capsule toy*** (0.5% chance of appearing)
TCH!
NGH...
THAT TRAMP...
Mutter
THE COVER... FROM HOKUTO MOGLYNA, HUH...?
The Master x Akane ***Deluxe Love Anthology*** from all groups
I HOPE I HAVE ENOUGH TIME...
EVERY KIND...?
THERE MUST BE SOME THAT CAN'T BE ORDERED BY MAIL, HUH?
Every kind of Katchu Love Local Bread
HOW MANY TIMES SHOULD I ENTER?
Er...
THE WINNING NUMBER?
SO LIKE A LOTTERY...?
The Winning Serial Number for the Anniversary Event of the Katchu Love DVD Release
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT?
"HIHIIRO-KANE"...?
...?
UH...
The Hihiirokane Necklace that was given to Akane by Master

EVEN IF I COULD GET IT, I'D RATHER DIE THAN AGREE TO HELP YOU!!

I WAS TALKING ABOUT MY MIND-SET!

WHA ?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

YOU JUST SAID THAT YOU COULD GET ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE LIST!

SHRIEK

WHY, YOU!!

SHRIEK

WANNA GO, IGARASHI?!

That's "Igarashi-senpai" to you!

OKAY, EVERYONE! BEST OF LUCK!!

UH... YEAH...

THERE'S ONLY A MONTH LEFT... WHAT THE HECK DO I DO?
PAUSE
IT'S...
MARCH 3RD AGAIN... HUH...
FWUUSH

In Shino-miya's case...
UH...
SO... A SERIAL NUMBER IS INCLUDED IN EVERY DVD...
I CAN ENTER THE DRAW THIS WAY!
COME TO THINK OF IT... WHAT'S THE CHANCES OF WINNING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
Let me google it!
LET'S SEE...
meko@luvutaburi
I bought 100 BDs for the Utaburi event... but I didn't win... I wanna die...
?!

MUMBLE
WHICH MEANS ...
...
SO ONE DVD IS 6,000 YEN...
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BUY A LOT OF 'EM...!
THEN IT'S THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY, I GUESS...
THEN LEMME TRY THE ONLINE AUCTION... NO...IT LOOKS LIKE IT CAN'T BE RESOLD OR TRANS-FERED.
I...I CAN'T WIN THIS WITH JUST ONE DVD...

Hayato Shinomiya goes over to the dark side!!
DAWN
OKAY!
I'M GONNA TAKE THAT PART-TIME JOB I KEPT REFUSING... THE PRINCESS USAMIMI PHOTOSHOOT!!

In Nana-shima's case...
RATTLE
RATTLE

HUHHH?
OH...
IT CAN'T BE GOLD! WHAT I'M AFTER IS METAL, HIKARI!!
WOW! SO PRETTY!!
IT'S GOLD, NOZOMU!!
MURMUR
MURMUR
NOZOMU...
DON'T BE A HOG!!
FLASH
MURMUR
MURMUR
HEY, NOZOMU...
I THINK THAT GUY IS WAITING FOR HIS TURN...
I'M NOT GONNA STOP 'TIL I USE UP ALL MY 100 YEN COINS!
NO!
THERE IT IS!!
HUH?!
THE METAL ONE!!
極レア
Ultra-Rare!
S... SORRY! I'LL GO JUST ONCE!
G...GO AHEAD!
Jeez...
RUSH
RUSH

NO THANK YOU!!
ヒャハー!!!
YIPPEE!
THE GIRL IS MIIINE !!
UH...ER... WOULD YOU LIKE TO SWITCH...?
I...I'LL GIVE ALL OF THESE TO YOU...!
WH... WHAAAT?!
?!
FLOP
FLOP
Uh...uh...
N... NOZOMU ...
LET'S GO TO THE NEXT STORE!! C'MON!!
Sorry...

This, please.

In Mutsu-mi's case...
Thank you!
I'll take this.

I THINK ...
IT'S AROUND ...
HERE!!
!
SKUFF
WEE-WOO
Katchu Love Local Bread
かちゅ☆らぶ
ご当地パン
SECRET ここだけ!!
Here only!!
無人
販売所
Unattended Shop
Do people come here?
THEY SURE SELL IT WAY OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE ...

BOOM
In Nishina's case...
WON'T YOU PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO THE MASTER X AKANE ANTHOLOGY, HOKUTO MOGLYNA-SENSEI?!
PLEASE!!

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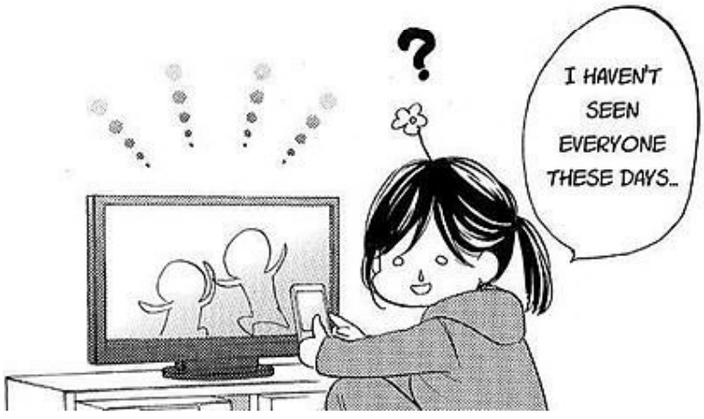

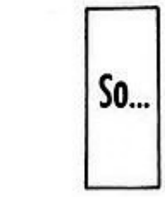

STUDIO
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cafe
March 3rd
WOW!!
I RESERVED THIS PLACE FOR YOU, KAE-CHAN!
IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, AFTER ALL!!
Okay, okay!
AH-CHAN! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
I'm so happy!
OKAY, AFTER YOU!
EEK!
THIS IS SO EXCITING!!
KER-CHAK
カチャ

パーン!!
TA-DAH!
HAPPY Birthday!!
?!

MONEY is POWER!
I RE-SERVED THIS WHOLE CAFE FOR YOU!!
IT'S A SURPRISE PARTY!!
WHA ?!
YOU GUYS... HUH?!
HAPPY BIRTH-DAY, KAE-CHAN!
LET'S HAVE FUN TODAY!
I HAD AH-CHAN-SENPAI HELP US BY BRINGING YOU HERE.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PRINCESS!
PRIN-CESS!
HAPPY BIRTH-DAY!
STAFF

YOU GUYS ...
THANK YOU SO MUCH ...!!
EEK! SO CUTE! ♡♡
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
ハッピーバースデー♪
IT'S CUSTOM MADE! ♡
ハッピーバースデー♪
トゥーユー
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
カンパーイ!!
CHEERS!!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S OPEN PRESENTS NOW!!
Happy Birthday Kai♡

HAPPY BIRTH-DAY! ♡
OKAY, ME FIRST!
AND ON THE NEXT PAGE...
EEEEK!
For KAE SERINUMA ♥ With Love...
THE INSIDE COVER HAS A VERMILLION OUTLINE, AND ART CUTTING WITH AN EMBLEM!!
IT HAS A SLIP CASE AND IT'S DECKED OUT IN FULL COLOR!!
ぺかー
SHINE
HUH?! THIS! ANTHO-LOGY?!
HOKUTO MOGLYNA-SENSEI DREW THE COVER!! AND WITH A GOLD LEAF!!
UUH... THESE ARE ALL AKANE X MASTER...
UUH...
PANT... はぁ... はぁ... PANT...
ぶしゅ!! SPLURT
The scene when she was editing
IF IT'S A WISH OF YOURS, I'LL MAKE IT COME TRUE!!
GASP! THANK YOUUU!!
あぁー
AHHH!
COMMENT
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
A-SAN AND B-SAN TOO... THE GUYS FROM THE MASTER X AKANE GROUP DID THIS FOR ME?!
THIS IS A DREAM, RIGHT? AM I DREAM-ING?!
OMG! OMG! OMG! あわわわ

CON-GRATU-LATIONS, SERI-NUMA-SAN.
THIS ONE'S FROM ME.
RUSTLE
?!
KATCHU♥LOVE
大感謝カレンダー
Appreciation Calendar
Not for sale
非売品
THIS ...!!
OH, AND HERE! I RECEIVED THIS AS AN EXTRA!
There are some strange secret ones, right?!
HUH?! ALL THE LOCAL BREADS?! AMAZ-ING!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
O...ONLY MUTSUMI-SAN...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HAPPY.
I RECEIVED IT FROM A SHOPKEEPER I BEFRIENDED ON MY TRAVELS.
EYAAHHH!!
AN OFFICIAL ULTRA-RARE NOVELTY THAT'S ONLY GIVEN OUT IN LOCAL PARTI-CIPATING STORES!!

HAPPY BIRTH-DAY!!
THIS ONE'S FROM ME!!
HUH?! AND A METAL MASTER TOO?!
AMAZ-ING!!
WOW!! A METAL AKANE!!

Nanashima's room
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

OH? IT CAME OUT RIGHT AWAY.
I MUST BE LUCKY.
Huh?
THANK YOUUU!
THEY SAY IT'S DOUBTFUL THERE'LL EVEN BE ONE IN A SET... BUT YOU GOT BOTH!!
I-IT MUST'VE BEEN SO TOUGH!!

HAPPY BIRTH-DAY!
THIS ONE'S FROM ME!
Shinomiya's room
ごちゃあ...
MESSY
DROP
OH YEAH? IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH! I GUESS I'M JUST REALLY LUCKY WITH THE LOTTERY!
AHHHH!! THANK YOU! ARE YOU A GOD OR SOMETHING?!
INCREDIBLE!! WAY TOO INCREDIBLE!!
HUH?! THESE ARE ALL... SERIAL NUM-BERS TO THE ANNIVER-SARY EVENT OF THE DVD RELEASE ?!
UH...
THIS ONE'S FROM ME.
UH, IT'S NOTHING.
Ha! Ha! Ha!
Gasp! Crazy!
WHOA, AND HE GOT SEVERAL OF THEM!

HUH?!
WOW!
IT'S AKANE-CHAN'S NECK-LACE! BUT THERE'S NO WAY THEY'VE COMMER-CIALIZED THIS YET...!
UH... WELL ...
I SORTA TRIED MAKING ONE...
HUH?!
YOU HAND-MADE IT?!
I used a kit that's for making stuff like that...
So talented!
WHAAA?! SO IT'S NOT "HIHIIRO-KANE" AFTER ALL!
C'mon, Nishina-san!
Waw! Waw!
SORRY. IT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED...
HUH?
N...NOT AT ALL!
THANK YOU FOR GOING THROUGH THE TROUBLE... FOR ME!
I'LL CHERISH IT!!

THIS IS THE MOST WONDER-FUL BIRTHDAY EVER!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

KER-CHAK
HUH ?
IGA-RASHI-KUN...?
Igarashi-kun
Can you come outside for a sec?
I'm waiting!
DING
SHWIP
LIFE IS GOOD ...!
IGA-RASHI-KUN?!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
YOU GOT A MINUTE?
KER-CHAK
HUH?
VROOM
COME ON.
GRAB
HUH?
HUH ?

WOW...!

I...IT'S SO PRETTY!!
RIGHT?
I COULDN'T GET THE PRESENT YOU WANTED, AND THIS DOESN'T MAKE UP FOR IT, BUT...
RUSTLE
HERE...
WH... WHAT'S THIS...?
THIS IS YOUR ACTUAL PRE-SENT.
HUH? B-BUT... THIS IS...
IT'S OKAY.
I'LL PUT IT ON YOU.
JANGLE

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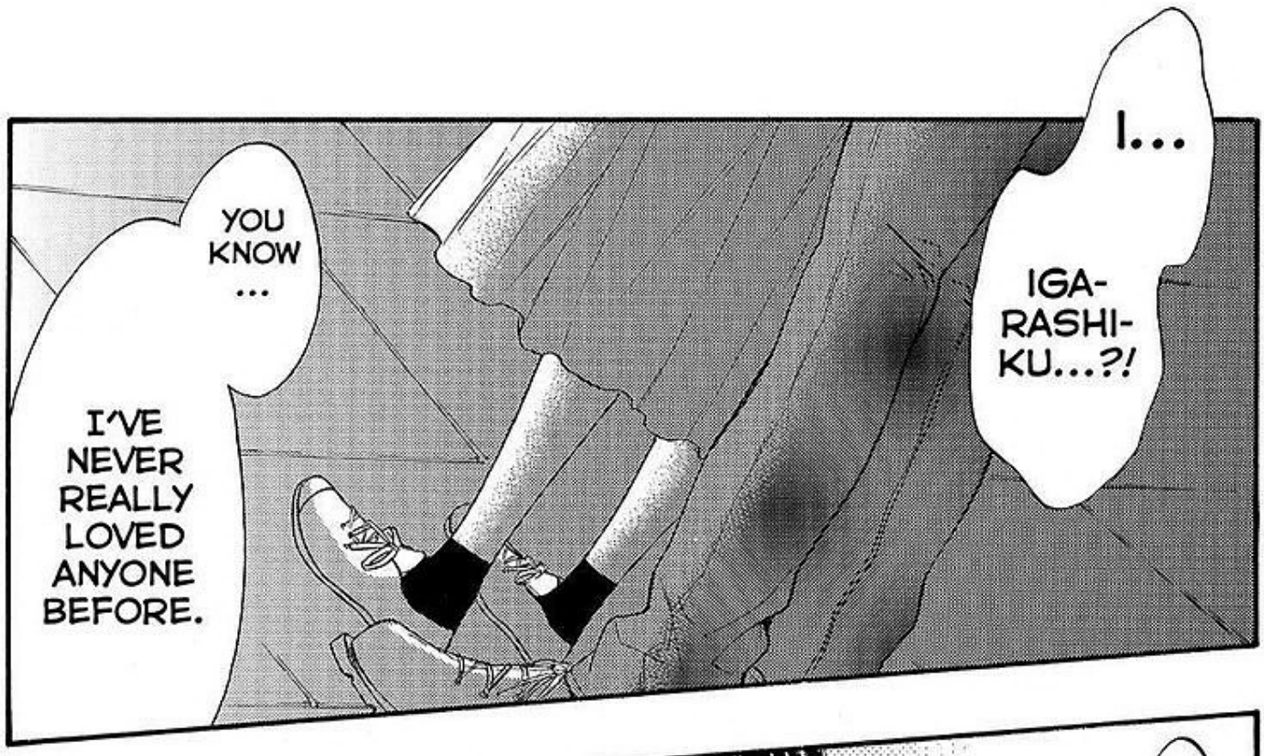
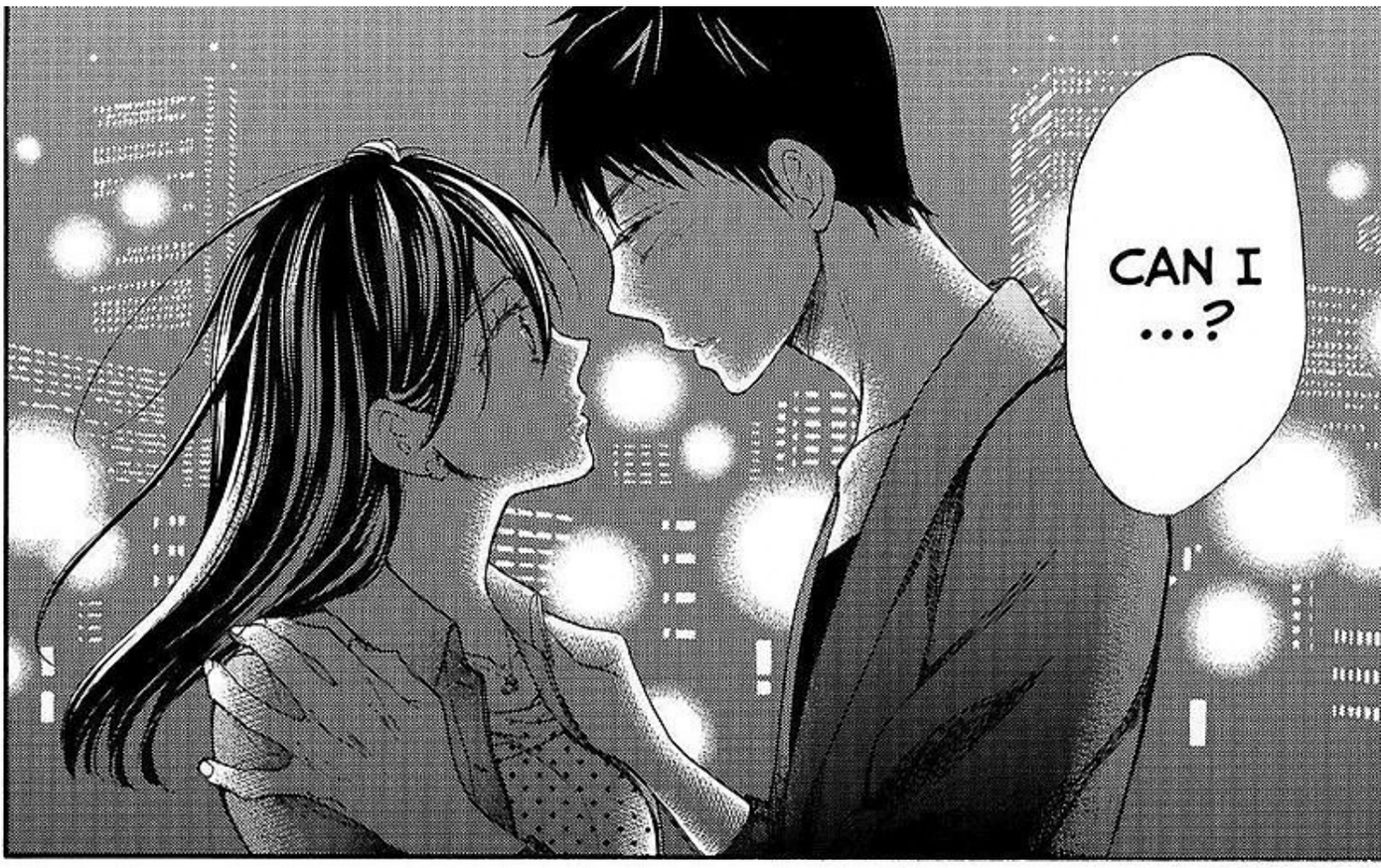
BADUMP
ドキン
BADUMP
ドキン
BADUMP
ジャラ
JANGLE
プツ
FASTEN

SERINUMA-SAN...


I...
IGA-RASHI-KU...?!
YOU KNOW ...
I'VE NEVER REALLY LOVED ANYONE BEFORE.

BUT ...
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
I...

LOVE YOU...
TRULY.


CAN I ...?

HUH?
WHA ...?
UM...
UH...
ER...
BOOM
AAAHHHH!!
...!

YEAH.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SUDDENLY TAKEN IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.
SORRY.
...
I-I-I-I'M SORRY... M-M-MY HEART'S RACING AND I CAN'T BREATHE...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WELL ...
LET'S AT LEAST DO WHAT WE ALWAYS DO...
HA HA HA...
UH...
YUSUKE-KUN?

KOTOHA-SENPAI...!
TO BE CONTINUED IN the MAY issue

Kiss Him, not Me

BY JUNKO

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SO? WHADDYA THINK? LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN NEXT TIME! ♡
Gimme your Line info! ♡
MUTSUMI-SENPAI FLIRTING...
OHH... SURE... ♡
N...NO WAY!!
Thanks! See ya!
TREMBLE
AM I DREAM-ING? WAKE UP!!
HUH?
IF IT ISN'T SHINO-MIYA-KUN!
HELLO!!

UH... H-H-H-H-HEY, SENPAI!
Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!
Y-YOU SEEM DIFFERENT TODAY... HEH, HEH!
OH YEAH? OH, COULD IT BE MY HAIRSTYLE?
I HAD A SORTA MAKEOVER. WHADDYA THINK?!
UH...ER... IT LOOKS GOOD... HA, HA!
I...I'M GETTING CHILLS FOR SOME REASON!!!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
WHOOSH
THIS SIDE OF ME ISN'T BAD EITHER, RIGHT?

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AHHHH!!
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WAHHHH!!
HAS GOTTEN WEIRD!!
MUTSUMI-SENPAI!!

BLUBBER
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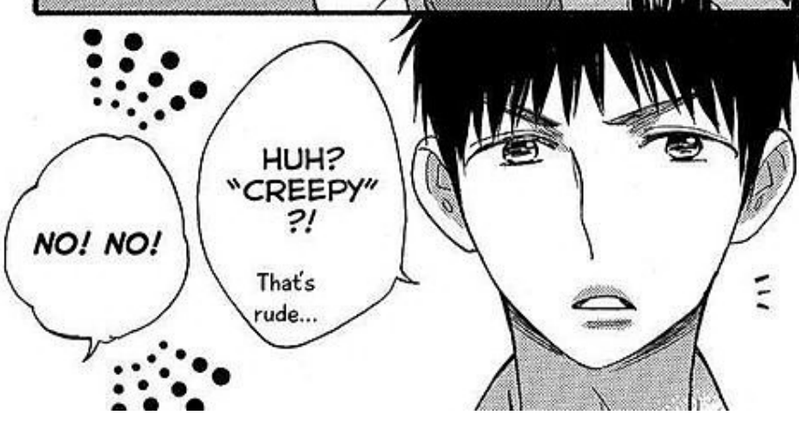
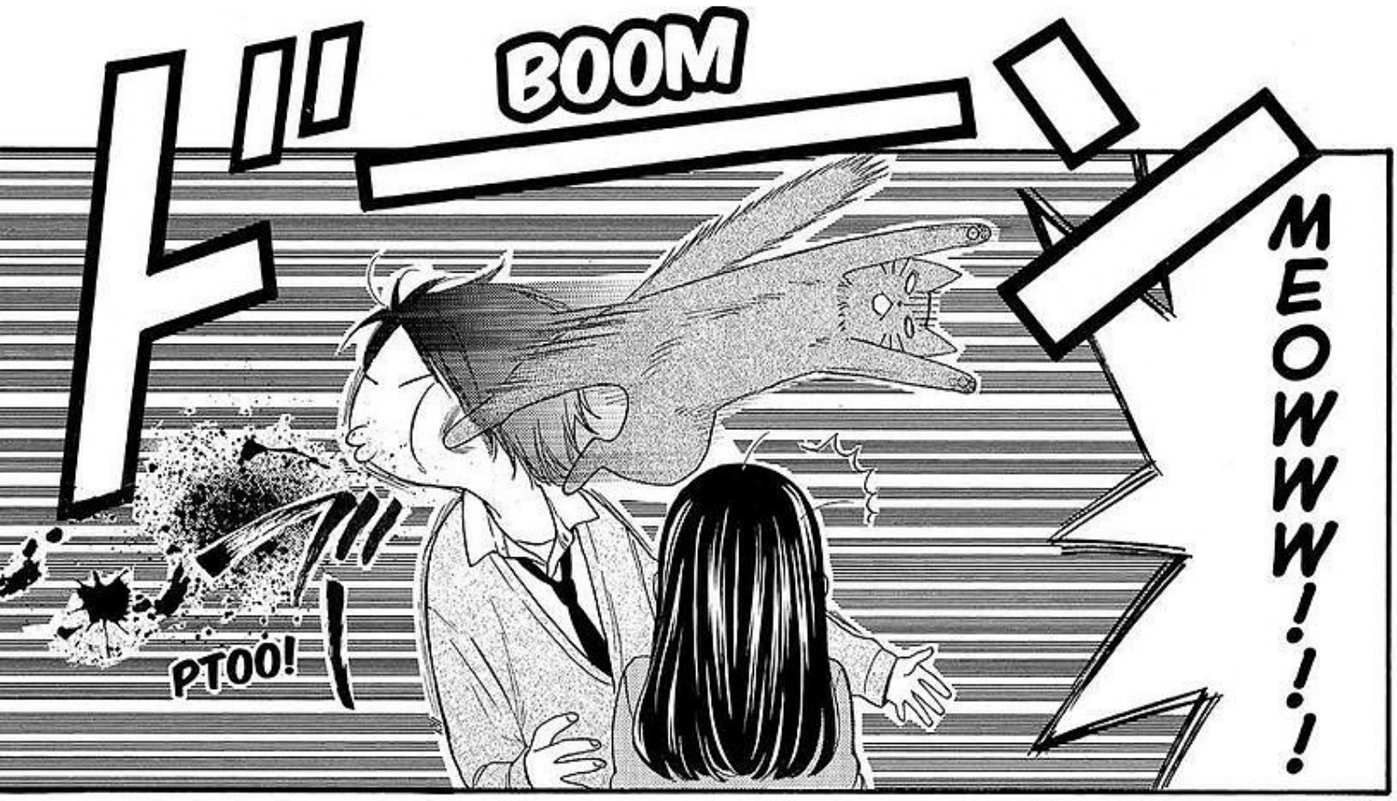
MUTSUMI-SHENPAI IS WEIRD! STRANGE!! CREEPY!!!
WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!


NO! NO!
HUH? "CREEPY" ?!
That's rude...

HUH ?!

HEY Y'ALL! ☆
HOW'S IT HANG-ING?
Y'ALL LOOK SUPER CUTE TODAY TOO! ☆
CREEPY!!
AND OLD-SOUNDING TOO!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, SENPAI?!
DID SOME-THING BAD HAPPEN, SENPAI?!
DON'T DESPAIR, SENPAI!! WE'LL HEAR YOU OUT!!
SORTA AWFUL...
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER OR SOME-THING?
Are you acting unusual 'cause of it?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
FEVER?
UHHH...

TOUCH
YEAH.
MY PASSION FOR YOU IS ALWAYS BURNING!!
RIGHT? IT'S HOT, ISN'T IT...?
CAN YOU FEEL IT...?
SH...
SH...
SHEN-PAI...?!


BOOM
MEOWWW!!!
PTOO!

JOLT
A...A CAT?!
HUH?! THAT'S ...
MU-TSUMI-SEN-PAI'S CAT!!
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW

H-HE'S USING THE WATER TO WRITE SOME-THING?!
Is he a genius?
FWIP
FWIP
BUMP
SWIPE

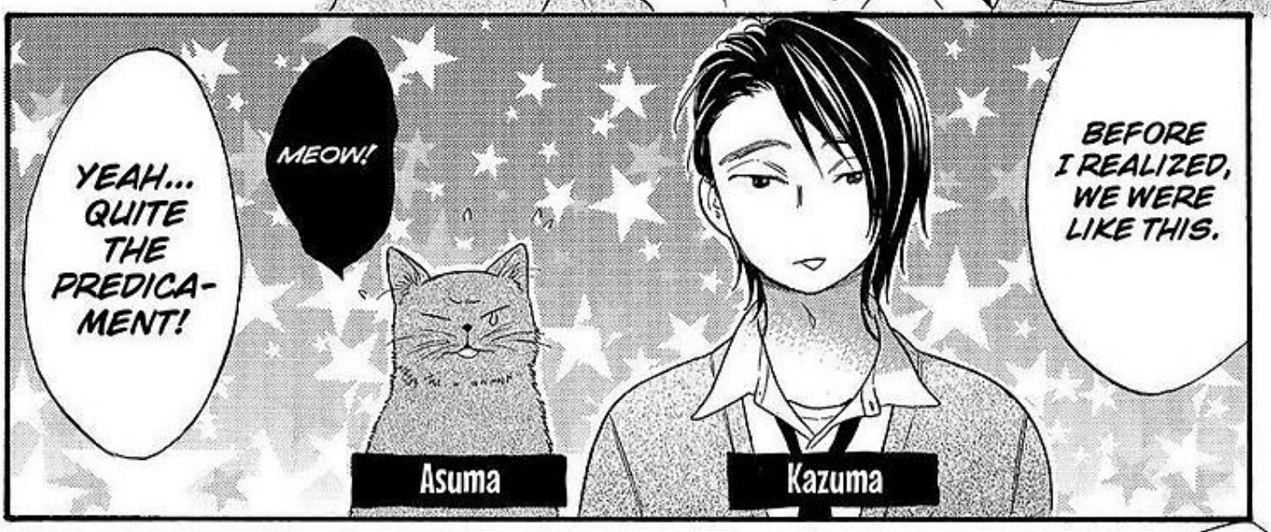
MEOWR!!
I...IS HE TRYING TO SAY SOME-THING?
I DUNNO!

I'm Asuma Mutsumi.
BOOM

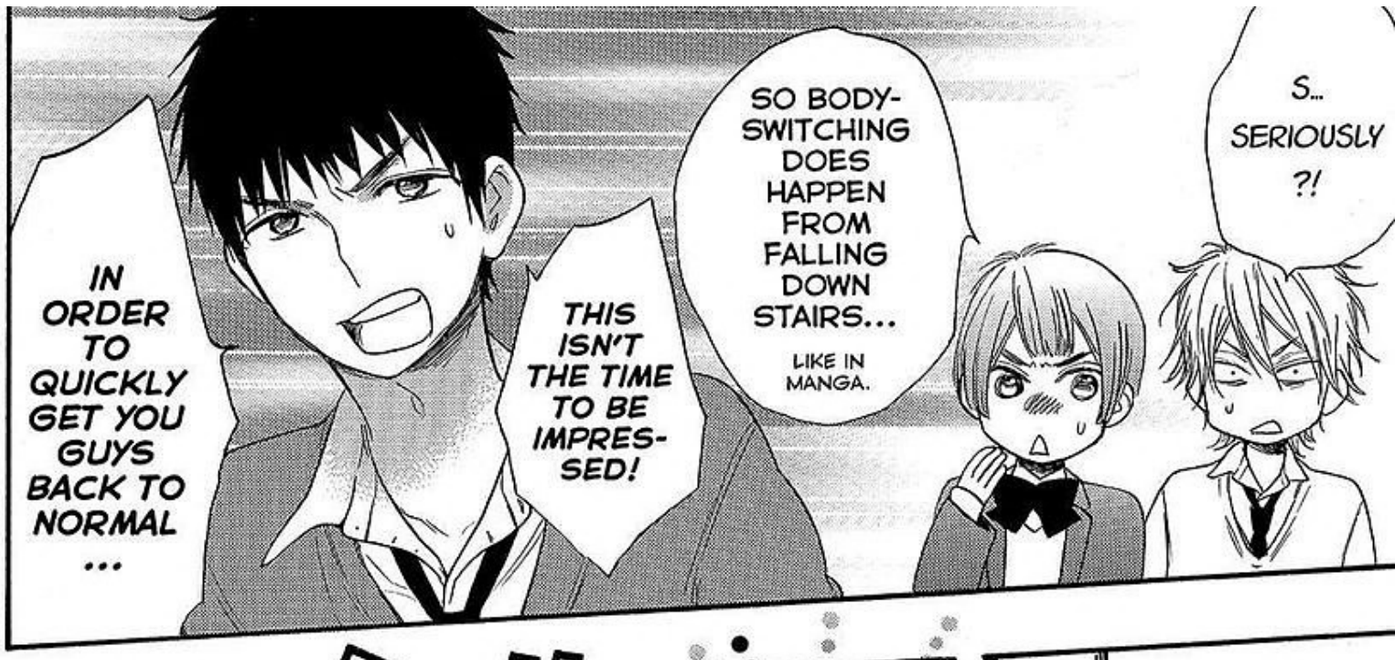
HUH ...?
HUHHH?!

S... SEN-PAI?!
RISE
THAT CAN'T BE!
TH-THEN WHO'S THE SENPAI THERE?!
C... COULD THAT PLAYBOY BE...?!

WOO!
THIS MORNING, I FELL DOWN THE STAIRS WITH ASUMA WHO WAS HOLDING THE CAT...
COR-RECT! ☆
JEEZ! I'VE ALREADY BEEN FOUND OUT!
KAZUMA MUTSUMI ?!
HEH, HEH!


YEAH... QUITE THE PREDICA-MENT!
MEOW!
BEFORE I REALIZED, WE WERE LIKE THIS.
Asuma
Kazuma

AT HOME SLEEPING! BEING A CAT AND ALL!!
PURRR...
OKAY... THEN...
WHAT ABOUT KAZUMA'S BODY?!
Uh... RIGHT...
Yup.
The Cat


IN ORDER TO QUICKLY GET YOU GUYS BACK TO NORMAL ...
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE IMPRESSED!
SO BODY-SWITCHING DOES HAPPEN FROM FALLING DOWN STAIRS...
LIKE IN MANGA.
S... SERIOUSLY ?!

N... NO WAY!!
DON'T STRUGGLE!!
IT'LL BE OKAY! WE'VE PUT DOWN A MAT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS!
DRAG
DRAG
BOOM
YOU'RE FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS AGAIN!!

THAT'S SO BAD, YOU ROTTEN PIECE OF TRASH!!
I WANNA DO THE STUFF THAT I'D BE HESITANT TO DO IN MY BODY!!
WHILE I'M IN THIS YOUNG BODY, I GOTTA DO XX AND XXX AND XXXX!
GLINT
I CAN'T GO BACK YET!!

STOP YOUR TER-RIBLE DELUS-IONS AND FALL ALREADY !!
SHOVE
WHA?!
So bad.
?!
TUG
WHOA...
GRAB
WATCH OUT!!
S-STUPID SERI-NUMA!! LET GO!!
EEEEK!!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

A...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SERINUMA-SAN?!
RISE
Y... YEAH ...
HOW 'BOUT YOU, IGA-RASHI-KUN?
RISE
SERINUMAAA!!
UH...
GROAN ...
SENPAI, ARE YOU ALL OKAY?!
THUD
?!

...?!
HUHHHHH ...?!
HUH...?!
Groan... I don't wanna...
C'mon! Switch back! Meow!
Meow!

March 3rd is *Kae's birthday!* ♥ Nishina finds out what *Kae* wants, and the gang decides to get those things for her birthday. *Igarashi* is unable to get the impossible thing *Kae* wants, so he calls her out and takes her to a spot with a beautiful *night view*, and gives her a *necklace*. ♥ As things are getting steamy, a *beautiful girl* shows up and calls out, "*Yusuke-kun?*"
KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#35 THE GIRL THAT I ACTUALLY LIKE

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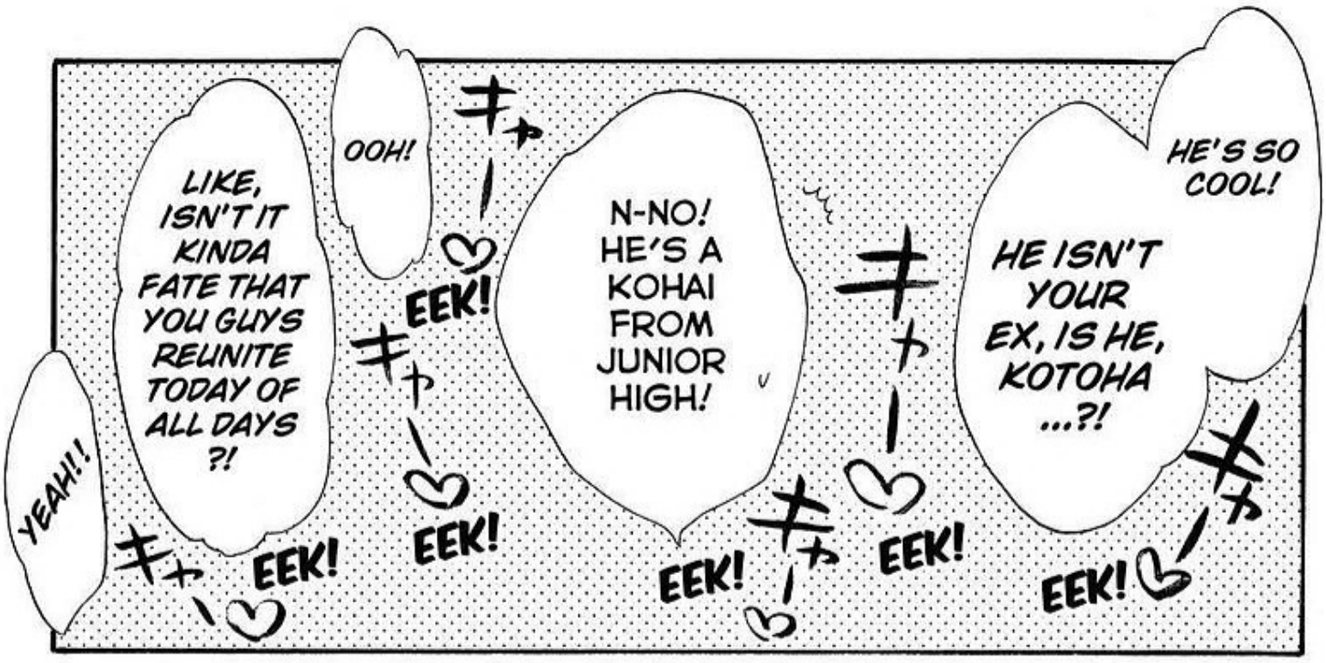
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
...!
UM, WELL ...
I-I'M ON MY WAY HOME FROM A PARTY MY FRIENDS THREW ME...
A PARTY ...?
OH, RIGHT!
TODAY'S YOUR BIRTH-DAY...
?
UH, YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT...
SO...
March 3rd...
I SEE YOU STILL REMEMBER...

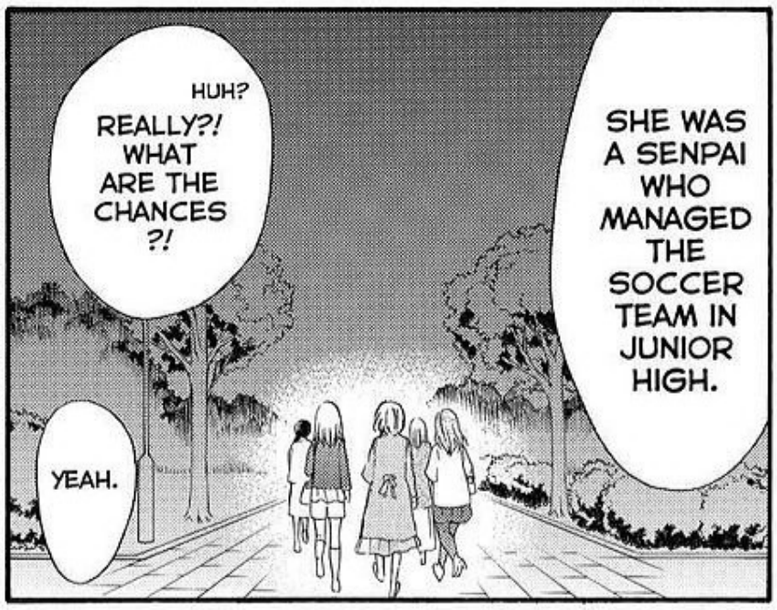
UH...
SORRY, IT LOOKS LIKE I INTER-RUPTED YOU TWO.
TAKE CARE, THEN.
HUH?
I'M SORRY, YUSUKE-KUN'S GIRL-FRIEND...
HUHHH?!
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO WAY!
H-HE'S JUST A CLASS-MATE!!
THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
NOTH-ING MORE!!
HUH?
I...IS THAT SO?
I SEE...
GLOOM
SHE SURE MADE THAT LOUD AND CLEAR ...
YOU TWO ARE JUST CLASS-MATES?
OOH!
SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE SINGLE ?


YEAH!!
LIKE, ISN'T IT KINDA FATE THAT YOU GUYS REUNITE TODAY OF ALL DAYS ?!
OOH!
EEK!
EEK!
EEK!
N-NO! HE'S A KOHAI FROM JUNIOR HIGH!
EEK!
EEK!
HE ISN'T YOUR EX, IS HE, KOTOHA ...?!
HE'S SO COOL!
EEK!

GIRLS, LOOK AT THE TIME!
WE'RE GONNA MISS THE DIRECT TRAIN.
AH!
LET'S HURRY!

YOU'RE COOL WITH THAT, RIGHT, KOHAI-KUN?!
S... SURE...
OKAY...
HEY!
C'MON! C'MON!
YOU SHOULD TOTALLY EX-CHANGE LINE INFO!

S...SEE YA!
OKAY, YUSUKE-KUN!


SHE WAS A SENPAI WHO MANAGED THE SOCCER TEAM IN JUNIOR HIGH.
HUH? REALLY?! WHAT ARE THE CHANCES ?!
YEAH.

WHO WAS THAT...?
OH! SORRY 'BOUT THAT!
GASP!

WHY?
OH!
SHE'S VERY PRETTY, HUH?!

YOU CURI-OUS?
HUH?

SHALL WE GET GOING SOON?
Sorry for making you come out so far...
Uh...
OKAY.

...

YOU RAN INTO KOTOHA-SENPAI?!
HUH?
YEAH.
YEAH.
NO WAY!! IS IT THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE GRADUATED JUNIOR HIGH?
SHE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE THEN.
MM.
WELL ...
WHOA!
IS SHE STILL AS CUTE AS ALWAYS ?!
TAK
TAK
TAK

...
PING!
YOU'RE NOT INTO HER, ARE YOU?!
HUH? WHAT IS IT?!
I SEE!
SHE SURE WAS POPULAR WITH THE GUYS, WASN'T SHE?
UH, SURE.
I GOTTA USE THE RESTROOM.
CLATTER
ER...
HUH?
MURMUR
MURMUR
HUHHH...?

MURMUR
MURMUR
...
...
KUN
YUSUKE-KUN!
OH JEEZ, YOU HURT YOURSELF AGAIN!!
COME HERE, SO I CAN TAKE A LOOK!
SORRY.
DOES IT HURT? ARE YOU OKAY?
GO TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER AND GET YOURSELF LOOKED AT, OKAY?!
'CAUSE WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU AS OUR UPCOMING STAR PLAYER!
SMILE

Ah!
COMING!
OKAY, MAKE SURE YOU ICE IT!
HEYYY!
KOTOHA, OVER HERE!!

SIGH!
KOTOHA-SENPAI SURE IS NICE! ♥
I'D LIKE TO GO OUT WITH HER! ♥
So cute! ♥
YOU IDIOT!
IF THE CAPTAIN HEARS YOU, HE'LL KILL YOU!
THE CAPTAIN'S SO LUCKY! I WANT A GIRLFRIEND LIKE HER!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE

YOU'RE A PISCES?

YEAH, I WAS BORN ON MARCH 3RD.

RATTLE RATTLE ガラガラ

Good morning!

Morning!

HEH, HEH!

MY SIGN, PISCES, HAD THE BEST HOROSCOPE THIS MORNING!

YOU SEEM HAPPY, SENPAI!

ガラ RATTLE

I'M A TAURUS, BORN IN MAY.

OH, REALLY?!

HOW 'BOUT YOU, YUSUKE-KUN? WHAT SIGN ARE YOU?

YEAH.

OHHH.

THE SAME DAY AS GIRLS' DAY.

UH...

ER...

HUH?

THAT'S AWE...SOME...

PISCES AND TAURUS ARE REALLY COMPATIBLE!!

IT'S NO WONDER I THINK YOU'RE EASY TO TALK TO!
HA HA HA...
HA HA...
March 3rd...
I'M SORRY.
I KNOW THIS PUTS YOU IN AN AWKWARD POSITION...
BUT WON'T YOU CHOOSE ME IN-STEAD?

I'M SORRY...
I'M REALLY HAPPY...
BUT...
I...ALREADY HAVE A BOYFRIEND, SO...
MAYBE ...
IF YOU HAD MET ME FIRST, WE...
DON'T SAY THAT...
DON'T ...
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT...

And like that...
she gradu-ated...
and since then...
I'd always thought that I'd never see her again...
VRRR

After school
RIGHT NOW, BAZELA KARAOKE ...
HAS A KATCHU LOVE TIE-IN ROOM!!
EVEN THE MENU IS KATCHU LOVE THEMED!
I'M GOING WITH AH-CHAN, BUT WOULD YOU GUYS ALL LIKE TO COME TOO?
And you can order a lot too... (really!)
HUH! OKAY, WE'LL GO TOO THEN!!
HA! HA! HA!
OH, SORRY, BUT...
I HAVE OTHER PLANS...
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!
SOME-THING...
RATTLE
SLAM
SORRY, SERINUMA, BUT SOME-THING'S COME UP!!
SAME HERE!!
AND HERE!!
SUS-PICIOUS IS UP!!
FLASH
HUHHH?!
HUHHH?!

CAFE
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE.
NOT AT ALL.
THINGS WERE QUITE RUSHED WHEN WE PARTED WAYS, SO I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU SOME MORE...
About how you've been...
YOU'VE BEEN WELL?
YUP.
I'M GOING TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL IN THE NEXT TOWN.
IS THAT RIGHT?
IT'S PRETTY LAID-BACK, SINCE IT'S ALL GIRLS!
Ha ha!
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL TOO, SEN-PAI?
YEAH.

UM...
HOW ARE THINGS WITH THE CAP-TAIN ...?
GULP
ゴクッ
MM...
WE WENT TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS, AND...
WE KEPT IT GOING FOR A WHILE, BUT...
WE SPLIT UP AFTER ABOUT A YEAR.
H...
HOW 'BOUT YOU, YUSUKE-KUN?
YOU MUST BE POPULAR AS ALWAYS.
Ha ha ha!
NO GIRL-FRIEND ?
IS THERE REALLY NOTHING GOING ON?
UM...
LIKE, WITH THAT CUTE GIRL YESTERDAY ...
I WISH I COULD SAY SHE WAS, BUT UNFOR-TUNATELY NOT...
BUT...
I LIKE HER.
SO YOU DO!
I SEE!
SHE IS VERY CUTE!

SHE'S LUCKY TO HAVE A CHANCE WITH YOU.
Ha ha!
PLEASE.
CLINK
HEH HEH! NO, REALLY!
THE TRUTH IS, SHE STILL HASN'T GIVEN HER ANSWER.
THERE ARE FOUR OTHERS WHO'VE CONFESSED THEIR FEELINGS TO HER.
HUH...? CRAZY!
I'M WAITING ...
WAITING FOR HER TO COME TO TERMS WITH HER FEELINGS ...
WHAT ...?
SHE'S MAKING EVERY-ONE WAIT?
SHE CAN'T HELP IT. SHE'S NOT USED TO THIS SORTA THING...
HUH?
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
CLATTER
IF IT WERE ME...

IF IT WERE ME...
I'D PICK YOU IN A HEARTBEAT, YUSUKE-KUN!!
MURMUR
GASP
はっ
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
I...
I...
SORRY!!
カシャン
CLATTER

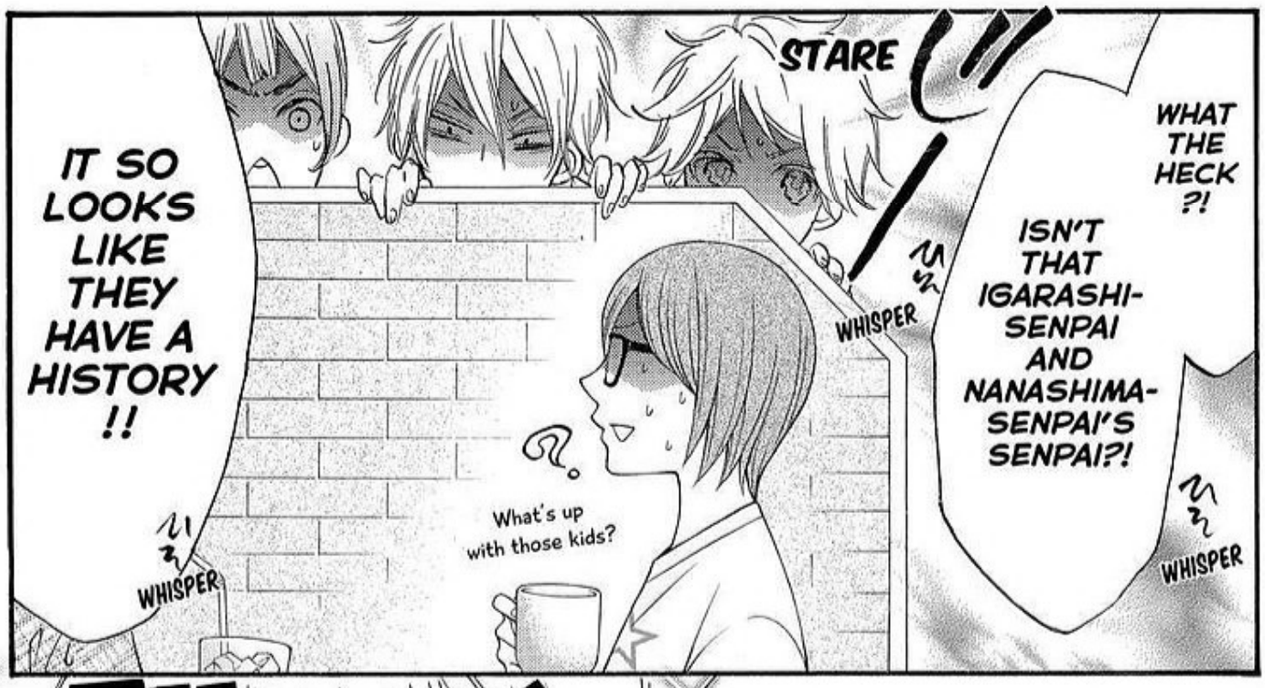
...

YUSUKE-KUN?!
BOW
I GOTTA GO HOME NOW... I HAVE THINGS TO DO...
SORRY... SEE YOU AROUND!

THAT WAS CLOSE.

IF I LISTENED TO ANY MORE OF WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY...
I...?
MURMUR
MURMUR

WHAT WAS THAT?
WHA--


STARE
WHAT THE HECK ?!
ISN'T THAT IGARASHI-SENPAI AND NANASHIMA-SENPAI'S SENPAI?!
WHISPER
WHISPER
IT SO LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE A HISTORY !!
WHISPER
What's up with those kids?

BOOM
IF THEY END UP TOGETHER, THAT MAKES ONE LESS PERSON IN OUR WAY, RIGHT?!
I WAS THINKING...
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THINGS ARE TOTALLY OVER BETWEEN THEM...

THUD すとん
THOSE TWO...
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WAS GOING ON BETWEEN THEM...?
SSSIP
I left the team midway, and he never said anything either...

WELL, IT IS! IT'S HALF-HEARTED! IT'S KINDA LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF SERINUMA-SENPAI AND THAT GIRL WERE DROWNING, WHO WOULD HE SAVE?!
HUH? "TWO-TIMING" ?!
That's a little extreme.

UH, I DUNNO...
HUH?
A BRILLIANT IDEA!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! THIS IS TWO-TIMING, Y'KNOW !!
THUD
POINT

GASP
はっ
HEY!!
IN ANY CASE, I'M NOT GONNA SIT BACK AND LET HIM JUGGLE THE TWO!!
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S GOING OUT WITH EITHER OF THEM...
H...HUH? Y...YOU THINK SO...?

I DON'T THINK IGARASHI-KUN'S GONNA CHANGE HIS MIND, THOUGH...
Yum.
SOUNDS GREAT!!
Are you guys for real?!
D... DON'T BE STUPID !!
LET'S HAVE HIM ACTU-ALLY MAKE A CHOICE !!
WHICH ONE WOULD HE SAVE IF BOTH WERE DROWN-ING, YOU ASK?!
I KNOW !!

LONG TIME NO SEE, NANASHIMA-KUN...
JOLT

UH...

H...HEY!! IT HAS BEEN AWHILE, HUH?!
Ha ha ha!
What are the chances?!
Ha ha ha!
WH-WH-WHEN DID YOU NOTICE WE WERE HERE?
FROM WHEN YOU CAME IN...
FROM THE START ?!

HEY...
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN INCLUDE ME...
IN WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT JUST NOW ...?
HUH?

And on the weekend...
WOW, THE WEATHER SURE IS NICE!
THE FLOWERS HAVEN'T BLOOMED YET... BUT IT'S STILL CHARMING IN ITS OWN WAY.
WOW! IT'S A BOAT!!
LET'S RIDE ONE!!
And so suddenly too...
Oh, come on, come on!
ISN'T IT A LITTLE EARLY FOR CHERRY-BLOSSOM VIEWING?
IF IT ISN'T KOTOHA-SENPAI!!
HUH?! HEY!!
UH...
HELLO!
BOOM
WHAT A COIN-CIDENCE !!
UH, I'M HERE WITH MY FRIENDS ...
I WAS GETTING SOME JUICE FOR THE BOAT RIDE WE'RE GONNA GO ON.
OHHH! REALLY ?!!

UH, YEAH!
LET'S GO!
SENPAIII, WANNA GO TO THE BATHROOM WITH ME?
WOW, SHINO-MIYA-KUN! SUCH A GENTLE-MAN!
STARE
OH, BE CARE-FUL!
I'LL HELP YOU CARRY THOSE BOTTLES !!
ANYWAY, MY FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR ME, SO...
FWIP
OKAY, HAVE FUN, GIRLS! ♡
STARE
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI'S FALLEN INTO THE POND!
OVER THERE!
OVER THERE!
THAT GIRL'S FALLEN INTO THE POND!
HELP, IGA-RASHI-SENPAI!!
WH-WHAT? WHAT? WHAT'D I DO?
AHHH!
HEY, NANA ...
GRIP

SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY!! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO? SO? YOU GUYS TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME?
HUH?
WHAT THE HECK?! VIOLENCE IS NOT COOL!!
Eek! So scary!
HUH?!
HEY!!
ACK!
BONK
BONK
URK!
YOU'RE BEING WISHY-WASHY, GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN A GIRL YOU KNEW LONG AGO AND SERINUMA-SENPAI, AND THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE!!
POINT
MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM!!
BADUMP
WHA...?!
TH...
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR—
WHAT?!
SHRIEK

SPLASH
SPLASH
Help!
Blub!
SPLASH
A BOAT WITH A MOM AND HER KIDS CAPSIZED !!!
GASP
OH NO!!
SOME-ONE FELL INTO THE POND.
WHAT'S WITH THE CROWD OVER THERE?
HE'S NOT COMING ...
HE MUST'VE CHOSEN HER...

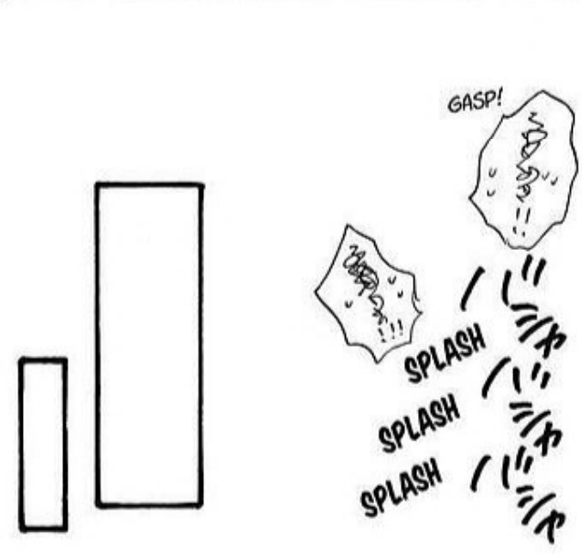
HUH ...?!
NO... REALLY ?!
APPARENTLY, TWO GUYS JUMPED IN AND SAVED THEM.
Are you serious?
LET'S GO!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
SOB
WAAAAHHH
TH... TH...
THANK... YOU...
COUGH
COUGH
MURMUR
MURMUR
?!
SHWIP
HEY! WHAT ABOUT YUSUKE-KUN?!
HUH ?
HE'S NOT HERE ?
HUH?

OVER THERE!
AH!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
NO...
BOOM!!

YANK
SERINUMAAA!!
No way!
SPLASH
DAMN!
YOU'RE KIDDING! I CAN'T BREAK FREE!
TUG
TUG
SHWIP
BLUB
I CAN'T... BREATHE...

HUH...?
?!
!!
HE'S NOT BREATH-ING...!!
SE...?!
FAINT
SPLOOSH
BREATHE
SPLASH

YOU...ARE REALLY SOMETHING.


GASP!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

I GAVE HIM TOO MUCH OXYGEN!
ULP!!

MURMUR
YEAH ...
SURE ENOUGH ...
MURMUR
I LIKE SERINUMA-SAN.
YOU SAW, RIGHT?
YOU SAW THAT SIDE OF HER!
HER HONESTY ...
WHEEZE WHEEZE
HER STRENGTH ...
Senpaiii! Don't die on me!
I ADMIRE EVERYTHING ABOUT HER.
EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW IF SHE'LL RECIP-ROCATE?
HA HA... WELL...
WHEN YOU LIKE SOMEONE, NONE OF THAT MATTERS, RIGHT?

I MEAN, BACK THEN...
I KNEW YOU DIDN'T RECIP-ROCATE MY FEELINGS ...
BUT I STILL LIKED YOU.
MAYBE IF THINGS HAPPENED FOR US EARLIER...
YOU'VE ...
ALREADY FOUND THE ONE FOR YOU.
NO...

TREMBLE TREMBLE
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ぶる
BRRR! SO COLD!
I GOTTA HURRY UP AND CHANGE OUT OF THESE CLOTHES...
AH-CHOO !!
ARE YOU ...
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
YES?
OH...
STAND
BUT...
LET ME JUST SAY ONE THING.
CLENCH...
I GET WHY ...
YUSUKE-KUN IS INTO YOU.

TO BE CONTINUED IN the JUNE issue

KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
Kotoha-senpai tells Kae that it's cruel to leave everyone hanging without responding to their confessions. Then, Kae makes an unexpected move?!
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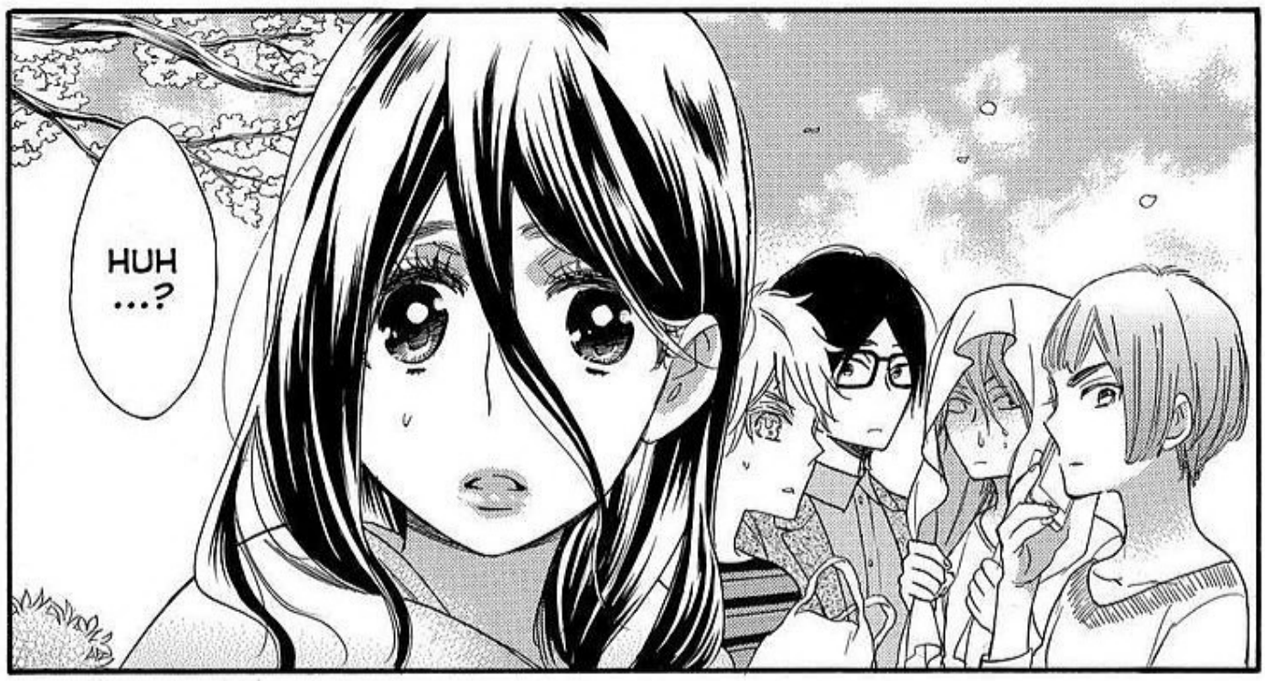
WHEN SOMEONE PUTS THEIR HEART OUT THERE... DON'T JUST LEAVE THEM HANGING FOR AN ANSWER!
THAT'S ...
REALLY CRUEL.


HUH ...?

BADUMP
YOU'RE ONLY WASTING EVERY-ONE'S TIME.
IF YOU KEEP THIS UP...
KO-TOHA-SENPAI ...?!

I JUST TRIED NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT...
IT'S NOT LIKE I FOR-GOT...
LEAVING EVERYONE HANGING FOR AN ANSWER ...
I'M...
THAT'S TRUE...
TH ...

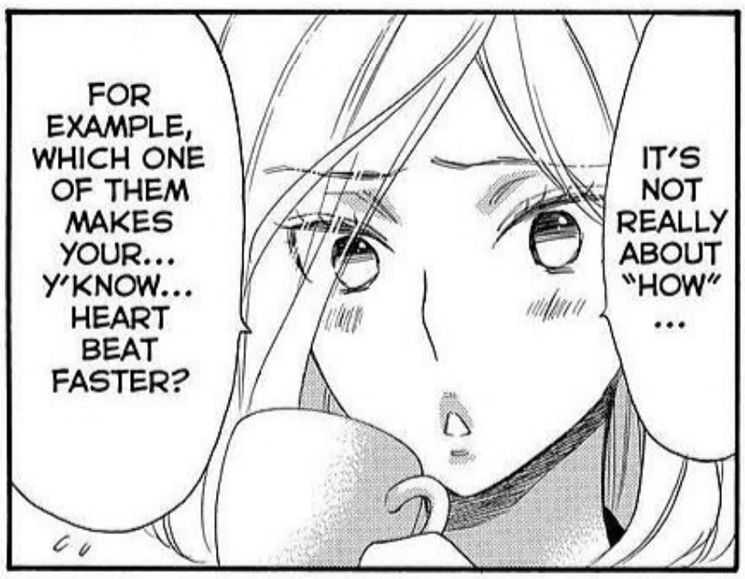
*THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, "GROUPS" OR EVENTS.

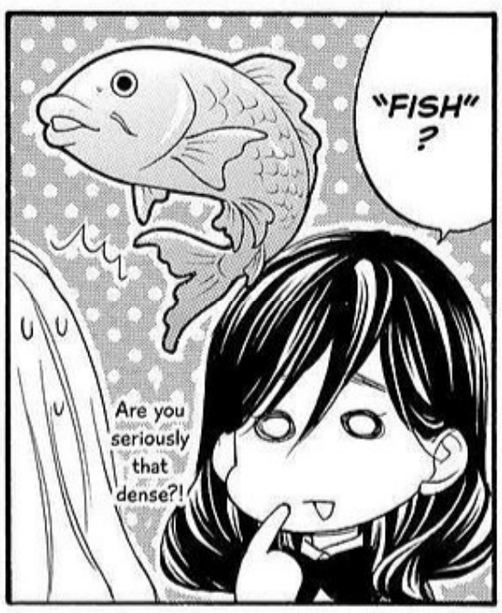
GRAB
WH-WHAT?!
JOLT
THAT...
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
I-I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING THAT WASN'T TRUE!
WRING
WRING
WRING
WAHHH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO!!
TELL MEEE !!!
HUH?

I DIDN'T MEAN TO KEEP YOU WAITING!!
I'M SORRY!!
The next day
CAFE
OPEN
OH, I'LL HAVE AN ORANGE JUICE, PLEASE.
...
Welcome.
CLATTER
カラン
SENPAI, WHAT ARE YOU DRINKING? COFFEE?
Such an adult!
I MISSED MY TRAIN.
Sorry!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE, SO I'LL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT WITH YOUR ADVICE!!
URK.
キラキラ
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
THANKS FOR AGREEING TO MEET WITH ME TODAY!!
UH!!
WHY AM I HAVING COFFEE WITH THIS GIRL...!?

HOW SHOULD I MAKE MY DECISION ?!
WELL, LET'S GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT...
I wouldn't say I have "a lot" of experience.
BLOW
SHE WAS SO DESPERATE I COULDN'T TURN HER DOWN...

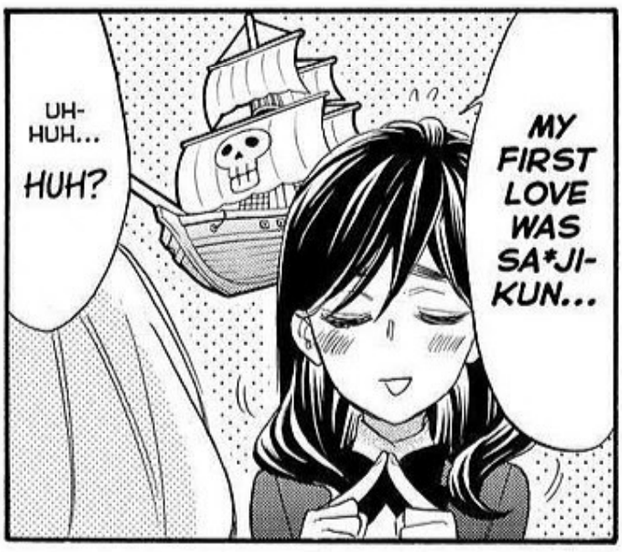
LIKE EXERCISE?
"HEART BEAT FASTER" ?


FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH ONE OF THEM MAKES YOUR... Y'KNOW... HEART BEAT FASTER?
IT'S NOT REALLY ABOUT "HOW" ...


"FISH" ?
Are you seriously that dense?!

I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT OF FISH OUT HERE! YOU'VE BEEN IN LOVE, RIGHT?!

YOU'VE LIKED A GUY BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?!
OH!! GUYS I'VE LIKED?
YEAH! I HAVE TONS OF 'EM!!
HUH?
"Tons"?


MY FIRST LOVE WAS SA*JI-KUN...
UH-HUH...
HUH?

AND AFTER THAT WAS SA**KE-KUN! ♥
HUH...?

BESIDES THEM... GA**RU, AND AKA**-SAMA, AND LANCE COR-PORAL, AND MIYUKI-SENPAI, AND SHION...
AND NOW, AKANE-CHAN! ♥
My hubbies! ♥
H-H-HOLD ON!!
AREN'T THOSE ALL ANIME CHARAC-TERS?!

I'VE LIVED MY LIFE FANTASIZING ABOUT THESE GUYS GIVING AND GETTING *BLEEP* AND *BLEEP* FROM MALE CHARACTERS!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
BOOM
DON'T RESPOND SO HAPPILY!!
YUP!!
RAISE
THE TRUTH IS... I'M AN OTAKU!!
YEAH, I FIGURED!!
OTAKU AND PROUD!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. I'M TALKING ABOUT ACTUAL GUYS...!!
MY OTAKU FRIENDS HAVE BOYFRIENDS AND ALL, BUT...
TO BE HONEST, I NEVER HAD MUCH LUCK WITH STUFF LIKE THAT...
IT NEVER EVEN INTERESTED ME, AND I ENJOYED MY LIFE AS IT IS, SO... I HAVEN'T EVER...

RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE ...
IRK
イラッ
NO LUCK?
THERE'S NO WAY GUYS WOULD LEAVE A GIRL LIKE YOU ALONE!
SWIPE
SWIPE
LET'S SEE...

THIS IS WHAT I LOOKED LIKE NOT TOO LONG AGO...
I never got past the friend-zone with anyone.
ど"
BOOM
ん

THERE MIGHT'VE BEEN ONE BOY! WHEN I WAS IN PRE-SCHOOL ...
OH!!
GASP
Y...YU-SUKE-KUN LIKES THIS GIRL THAT MUCH ...?!
THAT'S ENOUGH.
SHE HAS ME BEAT!

HUH? YEAH.
D...DOES YUSUKE-KUN KNOW ABOUT THIS...?
Heh, heh.
I mean, is that really you?!
OF COURSE.
We're in the same class, after all.

SHOCK
HUHHH?!
BUT ...
...
SHOCK SHOCK SHOCK
GLOOM
Come to think of it, I'm always in the cheering section...
THAT MAY BE TRUE...
HUHHH?!
WHAT IS... REAL LOVE?
YOU'RE STARTING FROM THERE?!
FIDGET
FIDGET
IN ANY CASE ...
POINT
YOU'VE NEVER FALLEN IN REAL LOVE BEFORE !!

YOU REALIZE YOUR EYES ALWAYS GO TO THAT PERSON ...
YOU GET EXTREMELY HAPPY OR SAD...
W... WELL...
YOU CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT THE PERSON CONSTANTLY ...
...
YES!
GASP!!
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S IT! SO WHO IS IT?!
I-IN THAT CASE, THERE IS SOME-ONE!!
WHAT?! YOU MUST'VE HAD A MOMENT WHERE YOUR HEART SKIPPED A BEAT!!
Yeah! Don't give up!
HUH?!
TIRK
BY THOSE STANDARDS, I FEEL REAL LOVE FOR NONE OF THEM.

SNAP
ALL OF THEM. ♥
BLUSH BLUSH

EITHER WAY...
IF YOU DON'T PLAN ON MAKING A DECISION, DON'T LEAD THEM ON...!
IF YOU STILL HAVE NO IDEA AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT, YOU SHOULD TURN THEM ALL DOWN.

TH...
THAT'S ENOUGH ...

LATER!
TMP
UH...
TMP

"YOU SHOULD TURN THEM ALL DOWN" ...

IS...

WHAT SHE TOLD ME... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HUHHH?

WHAT A WASTE!!

IF YOU'RE GONNA TURN THEM ALL DOWN, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TRY AND DATE ONE OF THEM!!

HUHHH?!

I MEAN, YOU COULD END UP LIKING THAT PERSON WHILE YOU'RE DATING...

THAT'S HOW IT WAS FOR MY BOY-FRIEND AND ME.

We're totally in love with each other now.

R-REALLY?!

Really.

BUT... IT'S TRUE THAT IF I DON'T MAKE A MOVE, NOTHING WILL CHANGE ...

TWIDDLE

TWIDDLE

OTHER-WISE I'LL JUST WASTE TIME BY MAKING EVERYONE WAIT...

YOU CAN DRAW AN AMIDAKUJI, OR PLAY ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS.
I'll draw you an Amida-kuji.
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU MAKE YOUR PICK.
NO WAY!

OHH.
YEAH.
UPSY-DAISY.
I MEAN, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BEAR IT EITHER IF YOU TOLD ME THAT I COULDN'T READ A MANGA SITTING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME THAT I'D BEEN WAITING ON...!!

WELL, IF EVERYONE'S ON THE SAME LEVEL, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.
AWW...
...I THINK.
I CAN'T DECIDE SO FLIP-PANTLY!!

GASP!! "A GAME" ?!

WHAT IF YOU HAVE THEM DUKE IT OUT IN A GAME?
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
Hey sorry, there's this special dungeon that's only accessible now.
BEEP
GLOOM

IN "MIRAGE SAGA", THE MAIN CHARACTERS TERRA AND SHION WERE... ENEMIES AT FIRST...!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
COME TO THINK OF IT...
RUMBLE
BUT...
DIEEEE!!!
RAWWRRR!!!
THE TWO FOUGHT WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT... AND IN THE END, THEY DUKED IT OUT...

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PANT
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PANT

YOU MADE ME GO ALL OUT...
PROPS TO YOU, PUNK.

HEH... YOU PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT ...
HA! HA!

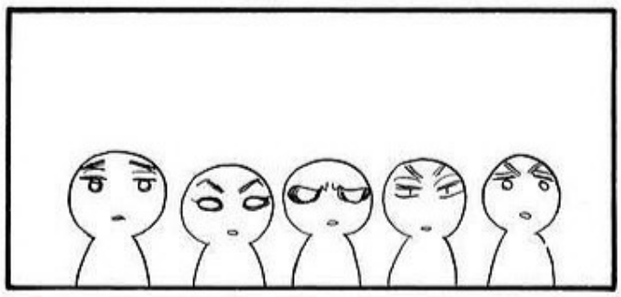
HMPH ...
HA! HA! HA!
BUMP
HA! HA! HA! HA!

BOOM
I get teary just thinking about it!!
FRIENDSHIP, ACCORDING TO CANON.
Well, that's still love, so I know what you mean!
AND THEN, LOVE WAS BORN!!!
U...UH... KAE-CHAN...?
You look a lot stranger than usual.
"MIRAGE SAGA" TAUGHT ME THAT...!!
YES... AFTER A FIERCE FIGHT FOR ONE'S LIFE, A BOND IS BORN!!

I WILL DATE THE PERSON WHO BEATS ME AT THIS GAME!!
AND SO...
THE KING OF
殺死愛無
COLISEUM
BOOM
C...COME AGAIN?!

THE KING OF
殺死愛無
COLISEUM
IT'S AN ONLINE MULTIPLAYER FREE-FOR-ALL MELEE GAME FOR YOUR PHONE!
THE KING OF KOROSHI-AMU!
YOU HAVE TO KILL OFF ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS ON STAGE, AND THE LAST MAN STANDING IS THE KING!! ONLY ONE PLAYER IS THE WINNER!!
THE FIGHT WILL BE NEXT WEEK!! IN THE MEANTIME, EVERYONE WORK HARD TRAINING YOUR CHARAC-TERS!!
THERE IS NO LEVEL LIMIT!! GET AS STRONG AS YOU YOU'D LIKE!!
I'VE NEVER PLAYED THIS GAME EITHER, SO IT'S AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD!!

THAT'S ALL!!
OKAY, I SHALL SEE YOU ALL HERE IN ONE WEEK!!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP



SLAM

W-WE KNEW WHAT SHE'S LIKE...
SHOCK
BUT WHO COULD'VE PREDICTED THIS?!

ANYWAY ...
I...I DUNNO ...
That's "Igarashi-senpai."
WHAT DID YOUR SENPAI SAY TO HER, IGARASHI ?!
THAT GIRL'S BEHIND THIS, ISN'T SHE?!
Gasp!
YOU THINK SHE GOT INFLUENCED BY SOMETHING WEIRD?

Hm, hm...
Gameplay video
I CAN GO OUT WITH SERINUMA IF I BEAT HER...
IN THAT CASE ...
Why, this...
Darn...
LET'S DO THIS!!
Heh, heh, heh!
Heh, heh, heh!
BOOM
And so...
one week later...

ALL RIGHT ...
GAME ON!!
Battle start!
WHOOSH
SHWOOP
SHINO
Magic Swordsman Lv.52
WHOOSH
THE WILDERNESS STAGE, HUH ...
Not a fan of this stage...
ANYWAY, I GOTTA HURRY UP AND FIND SERINUMA-SENPAI...

I FOUND YOU, SHINO-MIYA-KUN!!
GASP
THAT VOICE ...
?!
CHARACTERS ARE PLACED ON THE STAGE AT RANDOM, SO I MIGHT RUN into SOMEONE ELSE BEFORE I FIND SENPAI.
IN THAT CASE ...
I'LL BRUTALLY DEFEAT WHOEVER GETS IN MY WAY!!
GLINT
WHAT'S WITH THE CRAZY EQUIPMENT?! IT DOESN'T MATCH YOUR LEVEL!!
SHINE
SHINE
NISHINA ?!
WHA...?!
Not to mention it's super tacky!
NISHY
Dragoon Lv.8
SHINE
TAKE THIS !!
SUPER SPECIAL RARE HEAVENLY SPEAR!!
SHWING
SAY WHAT YOU WANT !!
TH... THAT'S UNFAIR!!
NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT LIMITS ON BUYING ITEMS ONLINE!!
Stop with the scripted lines!
PWA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

...
And my hand's stuck...
IT'S SO HEAVY I CAN'T USE IT...
I...
Heavenly Spear
Weight: Very Heavy
Req. Lv: 50
SLAM
JOLT
?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
DIE, FIEND!!
Y-YOU CAN'T DO THIS!!
AHHHH!!
STAB
GLOM
OKAY! AT THIS RATE...
Ultra-Rare Monster Wild Slime Lv.111
Nishina: Game Over
HYUK!
HYUK!
YAYYY!! I WON!!
YOU DIED

Shino-miya: Game Over
NOOO!!
YOU DIED
LET GO... AHHH!! MY CLOTHES ARE MELT-ING?!
SMOOSH
NOOOO!!
SQUISH
WAIT...!!
I FORGOT! THERE ARE MONSTERS AROUND HERE TOO!
SQUISH
Mean-while...
WHOOSH
HMPH ...
THAT'S WHAT I WAS GONNA SAY TO YOU!
IGARASHI
Knight Lv.30
NOW THAT WE'VE MET...
I'M GONNA ELIMINATE YOU HERE FIRST!
NANA
Assassin Lv.30

BANG
NICK
DON'T HOLD THIS AGAINST ME!
WHOOSH
GASP
I SENSE DANGER!
JUMP
SHWOOM
CLANG

BOTH OF YOU...
COME AT ME!!
RUMBLE
PANT
ハァハァハァ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
KAE
Berserker Lv.99
REALLY WANTS TO KILL US!!
SH...SHE...
SHOCK
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR GOAL?!

BAM
SH... SHE'S...
SO STRONG... ♥
THUD
I CUT DOWN ANOTHER WORTH-LESS FOOL...
YOU DIED
YOU DIED
THAT JUST LEAVES ...
FWISH

!!
BAM
I'M SORRY... SERI-NUMA-SAN.
LET'S ...
BRING THIS TO AN END...
ASUMA
Sorcerer Lv.99

SEN...
PA—...
Winner
ASUMA
DA-DA DUM!
GULP
ゴクッ...
SETTLED ...
...
SO IT'S ...
ア...
WHOOSH

SERI-NUMA-SAN...
KNEEL
BADUMP
...!
S...
SEN-PAI...
CLENCH
I HOPE ...
WE WILL BE A GOOD MATCH ...!
TOUCH
SERI-NUMA-SAN,
DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF...
I ONLY WANTED TO WIN...
SO I COULD STOP YOU.

IT'S OKAY. WE'VE DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO MAKE A DECI-SION.
BESIDES, WE'RE HAVING A LOT OF FUN.
SPENDING TIME WITH YOU LIKE THIS IS NOT A WASTE OF TIME FOR US.

SENPAI...
SQUEEZE
うるうる
TH-THANK GOD!!
IF IT WERE ANYONE ELSE, THEY WOULD'VE FOR SURE SNATCHED THE CHANCE TO DATE HER!!
THANK GOD IT WAS SENPAI WHO WON!!
THANK GOD SENPAI HAS A GOOD HEART!!
SH...
SHENPAIIII!!
HOLD ME!!
YOU ARE SO KIND!
I am not worthy!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S ALL GO TO THE "KATCHU LOVE" EVENT THIS WEEKEND!!
Huh?
UH, YEAH!
WOO-HOO!
OKAY!
NEXT UP...
AKANE'S PART...
However...

ALL RIGHT!

THANK YOU!!

The time for change was close at hand.

TO BE CONTINUED IN the JULY issue